

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Just give us three of everything Santa



SANTA'S GOT HIS HANDS AND HIS LAP FULL--Santa and Mrs. Claus appeared in Grayling to attend the annual Grayling Promotional Association "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 2. Santa listened to dozens of local kids tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Pictured above, Santa is overwhelmed by the Money triplets, (L to R) Carlie Jo, Kaitlyn and Rebecca, daughters of Joel and Theresa Money of Grayling.

Photo by Linda Sherwood/Avalanche

November snowfall breaks two records

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Snow shovels and snow plows were working overtime during November when the area received four times the normal average snowfall, according to the National Weather Service in Houghton Lake.

In November, the weather service office recorded a record 41.7 inches of snow. The normal amount of snow for the month of November, based on a 30-year average, is 9.4 inches. The 41.7 inches of snowfall broke two records. This November had more snow than any November recorded since November, 1923, when 33 inches of snow was recorded. The second record broken was set in 1940, for the most snow in any month during any winter.

The records kept at the Houghton

Lake National Weather Service, date back to 1911.

Dennis Fruehauf of the National Weather Service said, "I view this with a grain of salt. It's all relative." While 41.7 inches of snowfall is unusual for this area, people in Indian River would probably think nothing of it.

The month with the highest amount of snowfall, based on a 30-year average, is January with an average of 19.3 inches, said Fruehauf. December runs a close second with an average of 16.4 inches.

"I'd be hesitant to say it's going to remain a heavy winter. Things will tend to balance out by January," he said. Fruehauf doesn't rule out the possibility either. Predicting snowfall isn't very accurate after five days, he said, because the predictions are based

on averages and trends.

Traditionally, Crawford County and the surrounding area receives most of its snowfall during the latter part of December and the first two weeks of January. After that, the cold air comes in and the lakes freeze causing less precipitation to be in the air, resulting in less snowfall, said Fruehauf.

For those people who are shoveling and plowing the record amount of white stuff, Fruehauf suggests you look at the bright side. One of the strongest snowbelts is located just east of the eastern end of Lake Ontario, where some areas have recorded 455 inches of snow in just one month.

Fruehauf visited the area while in the Air Force. He recalls that all of the houses had second story doors that would be put to use when the snow buried the first story door.

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Courthouse employees say they'll file union grievance over afternoon layoff

By Terry Wright
News Editor

A planned power outage at the Crawford County Courthouse, that sent workers home on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 29, has some employees claiming unfair treatment.

The power outage was necessitated by electrical work at the new county jail complex. The controversy arose when the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted to give the non-salaried employees a 4-hour, unpaid layoff.

The board action was taken at its regularly scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 28 meeting. The vote was 5-1, with Commissioner Robert Smock Jr. voting against the motion.

Employees are apparently upset because they say the power could have been shut off later in the day, just as it was done in November in a similar instance.

Local businesses nabbed for selling alcohol to minors

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Several local establishments were tipped-off to an alcohol sting being conducted by the Crawford County Sheriff Department, the Liquor Control Commission and S.T.I.N.G. detectives, according to Crawford County Sheriff Detective Richard Meyer.

The alcohol sting was conducted because of the underage drinking problem in the county, said Meyer. A number of high school-aged juveniles have been arrested for drunk driving and have been in alcohol-related accidents, he said. In the past, underage drinking has resulted in injuries and even death in the county.

"When we started it (the sting), one of the bars figured out what we were doing and started calling other bars and informing them," said Meyer.

He said the whole intent of the sting is to end underage selling. It is not intended to hurt a business. We would be happy if we did a sting and didn't have any sales, Meyer said.

A total of 24 stores and liquor establishments were entered by detectives and minor decoys. Halfway through the sting, establishments were aware of the sting and knew what was happening when the decoy entered the establishment, said Meyer.

The sting is meant to catch businesses who are not taking the steps that they should in ensuring alcohol is not sold to minors. By informing

other businesses of the sting, they are not helping anybody, said Meyer.

Technically, a business notifying the other establishments about the sting could face charges of obstructing justice, according to Meyer.

At the very least, the business is showing poor judgment, said Meyer. The bar believed to have made the calls, denied doing so. The owner stated bars were calling him to tell him about the sting.

For the sting, the minors used cannot be mistaken for someone over 21, said Meyer.

"Everybody we use looks very young," said Meyer. The minor uses his or her own drivers license. If asked, the minor will truthfully respond that he or she is under 21 years of age. The minor's drivers license has "Under 21" printed above the minor's photo.

Four local businesses were cited for Liquor Control Commission violations for selling liquor to minors. The business establishments were Rochette's IGA, Larry & Joan's Place, Chief Shoppenagons, all of Grayling and North End Grocery of Frederic.

This is the second time Rochette's IGA has been cited for selling liquor to minors. Rochette's was also cited in the last alcohol sting, said Meyer.

First time offenders are cited by the Liquor Control Commission. Second time offenders receive a citation from the Liquor Control Commission and receive a criminal citation.

Missing hunter found after 5 hours of searching

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Local hunter, Mike McNamara, was found in good condition after falling into a creek while tracking a deer on Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the area of North Down River Road and Wakeley Bridge Road in Grayling Township.

The 41-year-old McNamara was located after a 5-hour search by Crawford County Sheriff deputies, the Department of Natural Resources, snowmobile rescue volunteers and a National Guard helicopter.

"It wasn't that I was lost," said McNamara. "After I fell into the creek, I was too tired and too cold to get out."

McNamara's father, Larry, reported him missing at 9:30 p.m. McNamara was located at approximately 2 a.m.

McNamara began tracking the deer at 2:30 p.m. He saw the deer lying next to a frozen creek. The deer jumped up, landing in the middle of the ice, and ran into the woods. The buck didn't break the ice when it landed, so McNamara thought he would be able to cross the 6-foot-wide creek. The ice

broke and McNamara was completely soaked.

At dark, McNamara took a compass reading. Tired and cold, he was afraid to attempt the waist-high snow. He dug a hole, under a tree and waited for help to arrive.

"I still thought everything was all right," said McNamara. He gathered moss and twigs to start a fire. He had a lighter to start the fire, but the lighter must have frozen, because when he flicked it, it broke.

McNamara was unable to fire any distress signals because his gun also froze when he fell into the water.

After a foot search by rescue teams, McNamara was located and led to a clearing by the National Guard helicopter. He was then transported on a snowmobile to a waiting Northflight ambulance.

McNamara was taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital where he was treated for exposure. McNamara was released after several hours. He returned to work at Mac's Drugs later that afternoon.



MOUNTAINS OF THE WHITE STUFF--This picture of a heapin' helpin' of snow piled in front of the Crawford County Historical Complex, all fell on one block of Michigan Avenue, in the 24 hour period of Monday, Nov. 27. The total snowfall for the month of November was 41.7 inches, a new record for the month.

BRIEFS

Michelson to present Christmas musical

In keeping with the tradition of the season, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church of Grayling, will present their annual Christmas musical production on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 8 and 9. The evening performances are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Sunday matinee performance beginning at 3 p.m. on Dec. 10.

This year's production will be in two parts. The first portion will be a musical dramatization by the members of the Good News Choir entitled *The Great Late Potentate*, which depicts the story of a fourth king who did not arrive in Bethlehem until several weeks after Jesus' birth, because he took the 'scenic route.' The *Great Late Potentate*, or Casper, will be played by Paul Smith. The children of Bethlehem

will be played by the members of the Good News Choir.

Following a change of scenery, the Michelson Memorial Chancel Choir will present a treasure of holiday music entitled, "Because It's Christmas." The central concept of, "Because It's Christmas," is the 'star.' From the wonder of children watching the sky on Christmas Eve to prophetic messages concerning the coming Messiah, to the light that shone over a simple stable in Bethlehem, stars have long been one of our most cherished symbols of Christmas.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and share in this musical Christmas greeting presented by Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Share your Christmas memories with us

The *Crawford County Avalanche* wants to hear about your Christmas past. The *Avalanche* is looking for pictures and stories about reader's past Christmas holidays to use in the December 21 Christmas edition of the *Avalanche*.

Interested readers are asked to write their memories down and send them to the *Avalanche*, attention Linda Sher-

wood. The memories can be funny, touching, or sad. Please include your name and phone number. Memories and photos must be received by Friday, Dec. 14 to be considered for the Dec. 21 edition.

Memories can be dropped off at the *Avalanche* office or mailed to *Avalanche*, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738.

River House lists needs for holidays

With the holiday season fast approaching, it's time to begin thinking about giving to your favorite charity.

At River House Shelter, there are many families to think about. Families that are residents of the shelter, and families that have come through the doors for help. This is a very special time of year, a time to help make the families feel extra special during the holidays.

River House would like to help the women and children have a merrier holiday season, and is asking if the community could again help make this happen. Gifts such as blow dryers, curling irons, umbrellas, makeup, robes, wrist watches, or coupons for hair cuts or styles. Maybe a pair of slippers (large, extra large), or a small box of Legos, Play-Doh, water color paints, or a Spirograph. An Etch a-

Sketch is always a favorite, snap-together models, tracing/coloring books, board games for all ages, sing-a-long tapes with story books, movies, easy-to-do crafts for kids and young adults, just to name a few. Any gift you would like to receive or give to a member of your own family is fine.

If anyone wishes to donate gifts to the River House Shelter for the holidays, contact (517) 348-3169, during the day, and we can send you our "wish list" for you to choose from.

River House appreciates the consideration given to make Christmas a little brighter for women and children in need.

River House services are available 24 hours a day, seven day a week. Just call the crisis line collect at (517) 348-8972, and talk to an advocate.

Area residents raise \$5,500 for MDA

As Crawford County residents dug out from last Monday's heavy snowfall, 32 area business and community leaders braved the bad roads on Tuesday morning to take part in the Second Annual MDA Lock-up. The event was held at the main branch of the Grayling State Bank.

"We weren't sure how the event would turn out because of the weather, but because of our packy wagon and the patience of our participants, we will raise close to \$6,000 for MDA," said Dan Stuit, district director, MDA.

Grayling State Bank, Cellular One, and Diamond Limousine Service helped sponsor this year's event.

"The event would not have happened without the support of these sponsors, we can't thank them enough," said Stuit.

The money raised from this event will be used to support the North Central Chapter's camp, clinic, and research programs, which benefits Crawford County residents who have

MD.

The top 10 participants were Kim Schmidt of Holiday Inn, \$750; Gerri VanSickle of Grayling State Bank, \$249; Rev. Joseph Carpenter of Grayling Free Methodist, \$240; Don Prause of Don's Accounting, \$230; Barb Hebkens of Fay's Motel & Cottages, \$225; Mark and Fred Roemer of Wyandotte Lodge, \$225; Dave Jansen of Jansen Agency, \$210; Bonnie Lange, \$210; Larry Raymond of Sylvester's, \$210; Paul Thomson of Cornell Agency, \$185; Jodie Potter of Bloomquist & Assoc., \$180; and Alice Foote, \$164.

All 32 participants did a great job. Anyone interested in learning more about MDA can call (517) 792-4980.

"We can't thank all those who supported this event enough for their time, effort and contributions. Crawford County residents have always supported those in need," said Stuit.

Group offers free spaying/neutering for Christmas

Concerned Citizens for Animals, (C.C.F.A.), will again be offering free spaying and neutering to a few animals this Christmas season.

If you, or someone you know, cannot afford to spay or neuter your pet, just send us a letter. The letter should include a description of the pet (breed, age, sex, color) and the owner's name, address, and phone number if possible.

All letters should be sent to: C.C.F.A., P.O. box 823, Grayling, MI 49738, and must be postmarked no later than Dec. 13. Nominated pets who are not chosen will receive discount certificates.

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HONORED FOR SERVICE--Pauline Petrosky, outgoing Chairlady of the Grayling Recreation Authority, Board of Directors, was surprised at the last regularly scheduled meeting with an award for her many years of service in that position. Presenting the award is the incoming Chairman Neal Michal.

Need a year-end tax deduction? Consider donating your used car!

A valuable, year-end tax deduction could very well be sitting in your driveway. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Cars Program can help you get that tax deduction, while benefitting a great non-profit organization.

It's easy to donate a used car, truck or motorcycle through the Kidney Cars Program. Simply call this toll-free number 1-800-488-CARS (2277). The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will send you the information packet and make arrangements to pick up your vehicle for free. You will get a tax deduction (based on value of vehicle), and you'll feel good helping thousands of Michigan residents who suffer from kidney disease.

Act now, before the end of the year

is gone, along with your chance for an easy tax deduction. Vehicles must have titles and be in running condition. For more information, just call 1-800-488-CARS.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan benefits from the donation of each vehicle. In Michigan alone, there are more than 6,000 patients on dialysis and more than 1,200 awaiting life-saving kidney transplants. Through programs in research, patient services, organ donation, professional education and public information, the Foundation brings help and hope to thousands of Michigan residents. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is committed to the prevention, detection, treatment and eventual care of all kidney diseases.

Girl Scouts hold food drive for animal shelter

Girl Scout Troop #2143, has helped at the animal shelter a few times this year. The girls decided they would rather help the animals than go Christmas caroling this year. They will be accepting donations at Glen's Market on Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

In addition to dog and cat food and treats, they will be accepting bedding, bleach, paper towels and green slips. A list of the shelter's needs has been published in the *Avalanche* recently.

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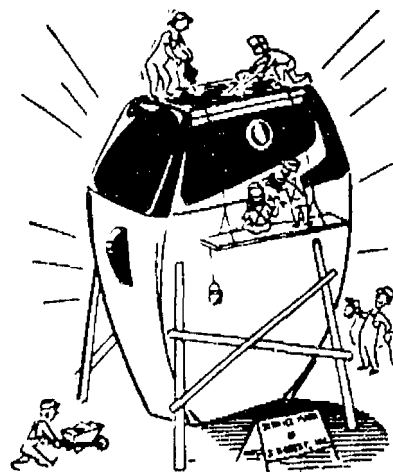
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comparison with Soviet Union is fallacious

To the editor,
Last week, in the letter to the editor, three men accused of slandering a local public official compared their treatment to that of an individual in the Soviet Union. This comparison doesn't even come close.

During a 6-month visit to Latvia, a former Soviet Union country, I had the opportunity to meet and get to know folks who were deported to Siberia for several years. What was their crime? That they were native

Latvians. Most of these same people had relatives and friends who were executed for the same reason. None were accused of slandering a public official, none had the opportunity for an attorney or a trial.

To compare anything that is happening here in Crawford County, to what had or is happening in the former Soviet Union, is simply fallacious.

Marcia Koppa
Grayling

Community volunteers should be treated with respect

To the editor,
I am writing this letter to you, hoping that it will get in the paper soon. Two weeks ago, we had a volunteer who was delivering Meals on Wheels, and was involved in an accident. It was on the Monday of the bad storm. Our drivers do their best to get these meals out to the people who need them, but sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate.

To get to the point, when this lady ran into a truck with a plow, the driver of the truck was more than a little rude to her. He called her names and swore at her. I am here to tell you, he was not nice at all. I would just like to remind everyone that our volunteers work very hard in the interest of our community, and they should be treated as such. I don't know who this young man is, but I wonder if he would appreciate

someone treating his mother the way that he treated this volunteer. I think not, and I feel sorry for him if he wouldn't care.

We must all remember that our time is coming, and we need to treat our fellow man as we wish to be treated. I can understand how upsetting an accident can be, but there are proper ways of venting our anger. They certainly don't include calling people names.

The next time you see a volunteer, try to remember they are giving of themselves and their time for your community. And for this young man, you might try to be a little more understanding.

Gloria Mologianes, Director
Retired & Senior Volunteer
Program, Crawford and
Roscommon counties

Family Thanksgiving is most sincere ever after tragedy averted

To the editor,
There are no words that can truly express our gratitude for all the people who helped find our son and averted a tragedy. What wonderful people we have in this town of Grayling, who, without a second thought for their own comfort, came out on a cold winter night to help in whatever capacity they could. This is truly the very epitome of what the words "good neighbor" mean. We will never forget it.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Crawford County Sheriff Dept., the DNR, the snowmobile association, the EMTs on the ambulance, the National Guard and all the other volunteers who helped.

Incidentally, we had a late Thanksgiving dinner at our home Saturday. Needless to say, this was one of the most sincere ones we've ever had. God bless all of you.

Larry & Mo McNamara
and family

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have

to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

President Ford wanted lesser job

bright, and was the object of much vicious humor.

It was all perception, of course. Mr. Ford still had all his smarts, and all his dedication, when he was in the White House. He didn't turn clumsy and dumb overnight. But why did it turn out that way in much of the public mind?

Jerry Ford was an outstanding public servant. His long service in Congress was first-rate, and his record in the White House really wasn't that bad, either.

As President, Jerry Ford simply didn't get a fair shake.

MEMORABLE QUOTES

—Let's consider some interesting comments picked up from reading the paper lately:

From Dee Dee Myers, former press secretary to President Bill Clinton: "Washington is so insular. Politicians should go home more. And it would be great if there were term limits on lobbyists and journalists here. After

eight years, they'd have to get out and see America.

A crisp story lead on last fall's Mackinac Republican conference, by Chris Christoff in *The Detroit Free Press*: "Mackinac Island creates its own reality, detached from everyday life, expensive and bending backwards to coddle, entertain and even teach the masses. Kind of like a presidential campaign."

From national columnist Thomas Sowell: "Much of what is called 'public service' is make-work for people who have degrees but no skills that would get them the kind of money and importance they feel entitled to in the marketplace."

FORMER JUDGE and House member Abner Mikva, on retiring from the Clinton White House staff after only a year:

"I'm running out of gas. I feel good, but this is a grueling job; 14 hours a day, six days a week. It requires an

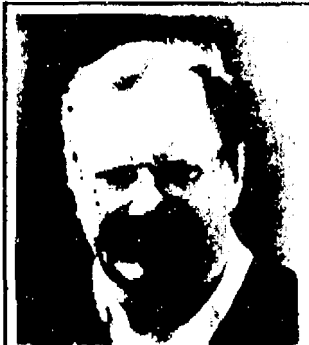
energy level I had when I was a kid congressman, but I don't find the rubber band snapping back as fast at 69 as when I was 40."

From *Detroit News* sports columnist Joe Falls: "The reason circuses are struggling to survive is because all the clowns are in Washington."

Observation from a couple years ago by Linda Blood-Thomason, Hollywood-style friend of the Clintons: "Hollywood is high school kids with money. Washington is high school kids with power."

And finally, words from Pope John Paul during his recent visit to the United States: "Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



FROM OUR CORNER By Whitey Madsen

My first dislike...I guess it's because it is happening now. Why does it perturb me so when I watch these professional (?) football players put on an idiotic dance, when they score a touchdown? If someone wants to watch a dance, they can go to a theater or a topless joint.

An idle thought. Where does the vice president and his family live in D.C.? Those who call, or write to Editor Tom, will receive a thank you, and I will find out an answer that has bugged me since the inauguration.

Likes...blondes, brunettes, redheads, and especially, the one that has a touch of grey in her hair.

Dislikes...the city plows that come by my home right after I have been plowed out for my car.

Likes...watching the little tykes walking home from school with their knapsacks, climbing the snowbanks, kicking anything little in their way...brings back many memories.

Dislikes...anyone who pretends to be a friend, and then turns against you to benefit (hopefully) their gains. I have met many in my lifetime.

Likes...Tom and Patti, the readers of the Resorter are fortunate to have them as your voice to the people they serve. Also I can't forget Tim and Sharon, because Tim invited me to stop at his "Mr. Tim's Bar" and he would buy me an orange pop.

Special note: The care package is much appreciated Wegie. You

remembered, many thanks from the ol' fella...

A few gems from Joe Falls' Sunday's Best column in *The Detroit News*.

•Bob Bennett, the Phormer Pharmacist, now retired, says, "I love my dog, but I told my wife a man needs two friends. So she bought me another dog."

•C. J. Walker, *Playboy* magazine photographer, on taking pictures of Dick Vitale: "I don't mind shooting skin, but the top of Mr. Vitale's head wasn't what I had in mind."

•Bob Hefty, the Peerless Pencil Pusher, says, "I found a great way to keep my wife from driving our car. I told her if she has an accident, the papers will print her age."

Thomas Edison slaved for years trying to perfect the light bulb. Then one night, everything fell into place and it worked.

He went running into his wife's bedroom, hollering: "Darling! I've done it! It's a miracle! It works!"

Mrs. Edison yawned and said: "That's fine, dear. Now turn out the light and come to bed."

With that, we also say goodbye.

(Whitey—In 1974, Congress established a 33-room mansion on the grounds of Washington's Naval Observatory as the vice president's official residence. You're welcome.)

Editor's Quote Book

Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.

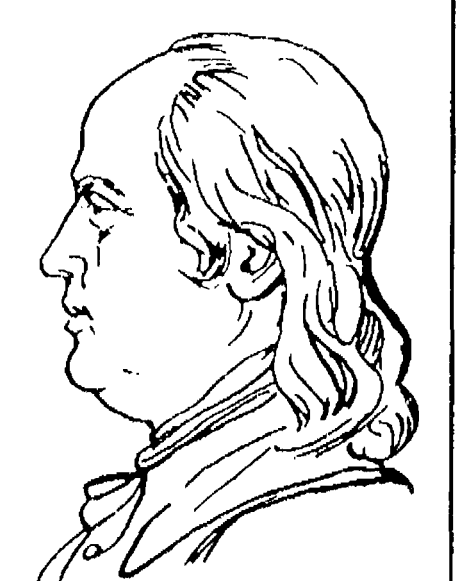
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Courthouse Square

A PRISONER ESCAPED FROM THE COUNTY JAIL LAST NIGHT. I HEARD HE'S STILL AT LARGE.



American Viewpoints

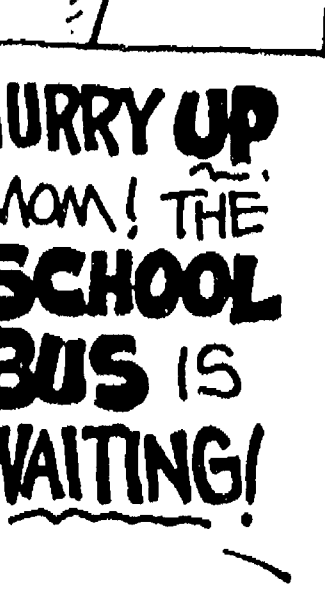
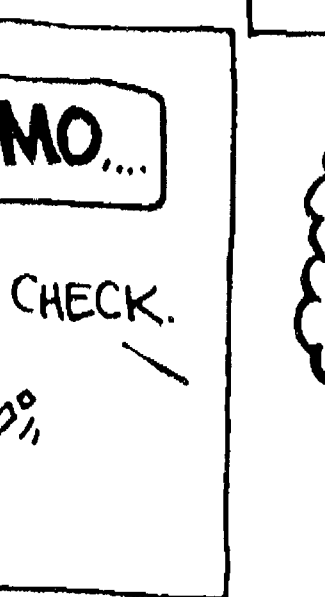
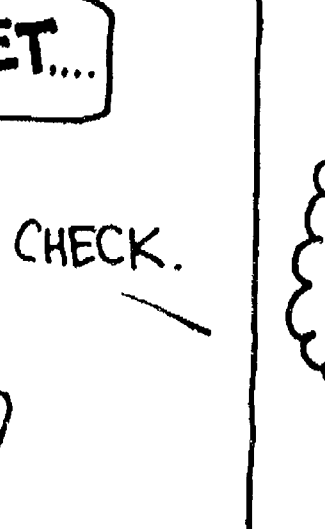


God heals and the doctor takes the fees.

Benjamin Franklin

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VIEWPOINT

By James Briney, Managing Director of
The Road Commission For Crawford County

As television news reported the evening of the first storm this winter, "The Road Commission For Crawford County has all 17 trucks converted for winter maintenance and ready to go. I'm impressed", the news anchor commented. It's a good thing the equipment, materials and people were prepared and available. Winter has come earlier and harder, than in recent years.

While most citizens, by far, value and appreciate the experience and dedication of the mechanics, truck drivers and heavy equipment operators, who maintain the road system, it is important from time to time to present the facts regarding the job they do. Having a rational perspective on the tasks at hand for road commissions can prevent the perception of the moment, in the midst of extraordinary back-to-back storms, from obliterating the reality of all that is accomplished day in and day out.

Your Road Commission crews have been on the job sooner and longer, using better equipment and more materials, keeping the primary road system and most of the local roads open to travel, under conditions considered to be overwhelming. Winter road maintenance, including snow and ice control under normal circumstances, is a significant feat. In light of funding cuts, providing such service is worth noting. While other road commissions are struggling to maintain basic services; going to 32 hour work weeks; not authorizing overtime or replacement of worn out equipment, The Road Commission For Crawford County is in relatively good shape.

The reason we are able to sustain our efforts at this time is because our focus is on maintaining the roads and bridges we have, while rebuilding some roads and bridges, when federal, state, local and private partners participate to pay the actual costs of specific and qualified projects. Within balanced budgets for 1994, 1995 and 1996, our Road Commission continues to provide improved maintenance service year around. The crews are working 40 hour weeks, plus overtime, and the equipment is the best it has ever been, and more appropriate to the tasks. Additional capital expenditures for equipment and projects have been approved for the future.

Although The Road Commission For Crawford County is committed to provide basic services, as published in the September 21, 1995 edition of the Avalanche, the funding for all road commissions has been severely restricted for over ten years. The reason we and others are not doing more is painfully clear. Real trucks, real materials and real people within real time, cost real money. No matter what you pay for gasoline at the pump, only 15¢ per gallon goes to Michigan roads. Had the funding for roads kept pace with actual costs, and demand for service, over the past eleven years, the gasoline tax would be closer to 34¢ per gallon. We receive no money from the property tax.

The Road Commission For Crawford County is determined to work with what we have and to do the best job we can. The crews have been on the job weekends and on overtime, keeping up with the tremendous snowfall. We are organized to move equipment at 6 a.m., and have kept the 170 mile primary road system and 103 mile state system, and many of the local roads open. There are times when it may seem like the Road Commission has not been on your particular road at all, or yet, but each complaint in that regard usually results in a different set of facts. In most instances our crews have opened up a road, in the morning or afternoon, only to have additional accumulations, up to eight inches, cover the road up again.

What many do not realize, is that it takes four passes to open and widen the travel portion of a particular stretch of road. That translates to 400 miles of work for an individual equipment operator, for every 100 miles cleared. Multiply those numbers by 529 miles of local roads, 170 of primary roads and 103 miles of state trunklines and you get the idea. In ongoing storms, the primary road system must be plowed again, before the same equipment and drivers can devote time to the local roads.

One advantage to living in our county is that most every resident knows at least one person associated with the Road Commission. You have an opportunity to notice that real

people; your neighbors, friends and relatives, are working as many as 17-hours straight, under very difficult and stressful conditions, to make it possible for you to function as normally as possible. With rare exception, you are able to keep your work, school and other commitments, when nature and limited funding would dictate otherwise.

It is not news to us when people call to report that snow has accumulated on their particular road. We have 24 hour, 7 day a week coverage, with our state crews. They have the responsibility and the authority to call in for help. They respond to accidents, coordinate with law enforcement agencies and monitor weather reports throughout the night. Our state and county foremen are lifelong residents of Crawford County. They know where every road is and even what it used to be called. They, and every one of the 33 Road Commission employees are on the job throughout the year, in all seasons.

While occasional callers may be upset, it is no more useful to express anger over Northern Michigan snow conditions, or to verbally abuse the Road Commission employee on the other end, than it is for a Californian to shake their fist at an earthquake, or thumb their nose at a flood. Neither is it useful to call 911 to report non-emergency conditions. In fact, such calls can be a dangerous distraction.

Having said all this, there are still more calls and letters indicating appreciation for the job that is being done. Last week a woman left a message to thank a Road Commission truck driver she did not know. She credited him with saving her life and acknowledged that she "should not have been out" in her vehicle at the height of the storm. There are times for all of us, no matter what the Road Commission is able to do, when it is best to stay off the roads.

Next time you wonder where our trucks could possibly be, since they have not done your particular road yet, or to your satisfaction at the moment, please realize that your neighbor, your friend, or your relative, is on their plow route and will get to your location as soon as possible.

James Briney is past president of his professional association, the 31-county Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions, and is now a member of the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions.




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CONVENIENCE

LOVELLS LIBRARY NEWS

The addition to the Lovells Library has been completed; made possible by funds from Lovells Township, a \$3,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, and contributions from the Lovells community. An open house is planned for the spring of 1996.

With the help of many community members, everything at the library is all settled in—the children's collection is housed in the old section, and the adult collection in the new addition. With money supplied by the Crawford County Library, they have added 11 stacks of metal shelving, a computer work station and a large storage cabinet; plus a round oak table for the children's room.

The library appreciates the help, both financially and physically, that was received from so many people in the community. The hours have increased at the library. The present hours are Wednesday and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. They will be open additional days and hours in the coming year.

With funds from the Edith Maki Memorial Fund, the library was able to add one large wooden bookcase and the following memorial books: *Journey To Ithaca* by Anita Desai, *Come To Grief* by Dick Francis, *Beyond The Diary* by Rued van der Pol, *Coming Home* by Rosamunde Pilcher, *Lost In Place* by Mark

Salzman, *All I Know About Animal Behavior I Learned In Loehmann's Dressing Room* by Erma Bombeck, *Math Curse* by John Scieszka, *Bad Day At Riverbend* by Chris Van Allsburg, *Legacies* by Janet Dailey and *"L" Is For Lawless* by Sue Grafton.

With funds from the Phyllis Walker Memorial Fund, the library was able to add one round oak table, one large wooden bookcase and the following memorial books: *The Horse Whisperer* by Nicholas Evans, *My American Journey* by Colin Powell, *Armadillo Rodeo* by Jan Brett, *The Rifle* by Gary Paulsen, *A Place Called Freedom* by Ken Follett, *Silent Night* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Cain His Brother* by Anne Perry, *The Book That Jack Wrote* by Jon Scieszka, *Dinotopia* by James Gurney and *The Ear, The Eye, And The Arm* by Nancy Farmer.

The following books have also been added: *Dead Man's Walk* by Larry McMurtry, *Justice* by Faye Kellerman, *A Long Fatal Love Chase* by Louisa May Alcott, *Morning, Noon And Night* by Sidney Sheldon, *Violet* by Jane Feather, *Dead By Sunset* by Ann Rule, *Dragon's Gate* by Laurence Yep, *Lost World* by Michael Crichton, *Simisola* by Ruth Rendell, *Superstitious* by R. L. Stine, *Tess* by H. J. Hutchins, and *Goosebumps Monster Edition* by R. L. Stine.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Dave, Judy and Heidi Englund attended the Saturday night, Dec. 3, concert of the "Candlelight Carols" at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. The holiday concert was performed by all the music groups of Moody Bible Institute. Their son, Jeff, is a student at Moody, and plays trumpet in the concert band.

Mrs. Emma Mattson recently visited her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and John Wilson, in Saginaw.

Former Grayling resident, Mrs. Walt (Martha) Nowak, has moved to Rockford, to live with her daughter, Julie Mullett, at 154 S. Fremont St., Apt. 3, Rockford, MI 49341. She would enjoy hearing from all her friends in Grayling.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Dee Anne Miller of southeastern Michigan, and Keith Andrew Miller of Grayling, announce the arrival of Matthew James Miller, born Dec. 1, 1995, and weighing 7 pounds, 7.5 ounces.

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FRI. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW - By snowmobiling, skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding....We have it all!
SAT. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FRIENDSHIP SINGLES DANCE @ Breakers Steak House, 9 pm - 1 am. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information. •"A LEGEND OF ST. NICHOLAS" performed @ Kirtland Community College, 2 & 8 pm. Call (517) 275-6777 for tickets or information. •WRESTLING @ ROSCOMMON INVITATIONAL.
SUN. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •GRAYLING FREE METHODIST CHURCH children's Christmas program, 6 pm.
MON. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FAMILY COORDINATING COUNCIL Strong Family/Safe Children meeting @ St. Mary's Parish Hall, 9:30-11:30 am. For information call 348-7691. •VB VS. ROSCOMMON, away, 6 pm. •HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT @ auditorium, 7:30 pm. •KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. •WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. For more information call Betty @ 348-8562.
TUES. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY & potluck for members of the VFW, Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 & Ladies Auxiliary @ American Legion, 6 pm. •CORE (COURT ORDER REFORM & EQUITY) meeting @ Beaver Creek Recreation Center, 7 pm. Call 348-9708 for more information. •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. New members welcome. •BBB VS. ELK RAPIDS, home, 6 pm. •NEW BEGINNINGS STOMACH STAPLING SUPPORT GROUP @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 7 pm. •GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. •GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Grayling State Bank, 1 pm. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMENS' ASSOCIATION Christmas party. •COA TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER, 1 & 5 pm - entertainment from 1:30-4:30 pm. Reservations necessary by December 8.
WED. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SINGLES FUN NIGHT @ Breakers Steak House, starting at 7 pm. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information. •ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •MS BBB VS HOUGHTON LAKE, 7th home, 8th away, 5 pm. •VB VS. GAYLORD, home, 6 pm. •COA BIRTHDAY DINNER, 12:30 pm.

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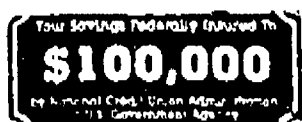
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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Bible Hatred

According to an article on page 9 of the Oct. 31, 1995 issue of *The Unreported News*, a sodomite has filed suit against one publisher of the authorized *King James Bible*. Joel Ford filed the suit in a Jackson, Mississippi federal court against Oxford University Press which prints the *Old Schofield Reference Bible*, which uses the authorized King James text. Ford is demanding \$45 million in damages and immediate deletion of all scripture verses describing homosexuality as sinful.

Ford claimed, "This book of hearsay has abused and oppressed me and my people, the Afro-Americans, and my gay and lesbian sisters and brothers...The Bible abused and oppressed me, when it said homosexuality is a sin, because I was born a homosexual." Using the popular class discrimination argument, Ford is actually accusing God in His work and His word of being wrong, or of

preserving the wrong Bible.

Theologian, Gordon Fee in his book, *How to Read the Bible For All It's Worth*, says on page 34: "...you should use almost any modern translation rather than the KJV." With over a hundred new Bible versions in English, have you noticed how only one Bible, the KJV, is being attacked? Jesus Christ said in *Luke 16:8b*: "...the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." The devil is leading people to attack the traditional Bible texts, while Christians remain willfully ignorant on Bible issues.

Guarding all the words of Jesus Christ is a mark of our love for Him. "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto Him, and make our abode with Him." (*John 14:23*). It is a dishonor to be ashamed of Christ's words: "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory,

and [in his] Father's, and of the holy angels." (*Luke 9:26*). Those words of Jesus altered and rejected in modern Bible versions will judge us one day. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (*John 12:48*). Read more details of this warning in *Revelation 22:18-20*.

Jesus Christ tells us the real hatred is not of His words, but of Him, "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." (*John 7:7*). May God give us the courage to use and defend every chapter, verse and word of our Lord Jesus Christ in, "The Bible God uses, and Satan Hates."

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

Social Security benefits for parents

You probably know that Social Security pays monthly benefits to retired workers beginning at age 62. You might also know that Social Security pays survivor's benefits to widows and widowers on the records of their deceased spouses. But you probably don't know that in certain cases, a parent can receive Social Security benefits in the event of a worker's death.

Social Security pays monthly benefits to parents on the record of a deceased worker under the following

conditions:

•The worker must have paid Social Security for a certain amount of years. The time required varies depending on the worker's age at death.

•The parent must be at least 62 years old and must not have remarried since the worker's death.

•The parent cannot be entitled to his/her own, higher Social Security benefit.

•The parent must be able to show that he/she was receiving one-half of his/her financial support from the worker at the time of death. This proof of support must be submitted to Social Security within two years of the worker's death.

Here is an example: Mrs. Williams is 63 years old and lives with her 40-year-old son, Rob. He works as an electrician, is married with two children, and supports his mother. Mrs. Williams has never worked outside of the home. She and Rob's father were divorced after five years of marriage when Rob was four years old. Mrs.

Williams did not remarry after her divorce. One day, Rob dies in a work accident. Mrs. Williams can file for dependent parent's benefits on her son's Social Security record.

The amount the parent will receive is equal to 82.5 percent of what the worker would have received in Social Security benefits. If both parents are entitled to benefits, the amount is 75 percent each. However, the amount is subject to a family maximum and may be less if the worker also has children or other dependents who qualify for benefits.

The benefit can be paid not only to biological parents, but to adopted parents and stepparents as well, if the child was adopted or became a stepchild before age 16.

If you think you qualify for these benefits, or know someone who might, and wish to have more information, you may call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or your local Social Security office at (616) 946-8361.

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I was a little girl, then. The pews at our church were rough wooden benches, and my feet wouldn't reach the floor.

But, as though it were yesterday, I remember his sermon. About a woman who poured oil on the feet of Jesus. Some people said this was a wasteful thing to do. The oil was expensive; the money might have been given to the poor...but Jesus wasn't angry with the woman!

"In the eyes of God," our old minister said, "the most precious treasure is the love in a human heart."

No single thought has influenced my life more than that one. Most of my happiness - all of my strength when sorrows come - have been somehow entwined with that simple truth. I shudder at times to think: what if that day I had not been there?

A sermon, a prayer, a Bible passage does not touch the same chord in every heart. But as you seek each Sunday to see life through the eyes of God, there will come mighty visions stirring the depths of your soul.



Sunday
Matthew 24:29-44

Monday
1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

Wednesday
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Friday
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Tuesday
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Thursday
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Saturday
Psalm 126

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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
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Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885-Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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600 North Elm St., Gaylord
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
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Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Liere 348-7699
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
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Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

Daily Worship
Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 9:30 a.m.
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Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon - 275-5309
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

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M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
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348-8573
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

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Pastor Duane E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

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Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
Grayling, Mich.
Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Pastor Terry Colby
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(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
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Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise
Keepers Study 7 p.m.
Tuesday Weekday School 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.

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DISTRICT COURT

Tina Marie Armstrong, 23, of Shelby Township, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended 90 days. She was cited Sept. 10, 1995, by the state police.

Wendy Kay Dean, 44, of Midland, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended 90 days. She was cited Sept. 27, 1995, by the state police.

Clyde Guthrie Hileman, Jr., 47, of Adrian, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Oct. 1, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

John Earl McLeod, 26, of Roscommon, plead guilty to Count I: Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended for 90 days; and Count II: Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$340 or 30 days. He was cited Oct. 1, 1995, by the state police.

Robert Steven Leal, 27, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of OUII 2nd, and was placed on one year probation with the first 60 days in jail, plus his license was revoked one year. He was cited July 26, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

James Rodney Perna, 45, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of Driving While License Suspended,

and was fined \$240 or 30 days. He was cited Aug. 31, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

James Raymond Bokhart, Jr., 28, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$340 or 30 days. He was cited Aug. 30, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Robert Norman Poll of Madison Heights, was charged with Attempt NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$110 or 10 days, restitution paid. He was cited April 26, 1995, by the state police.

David Alan Elson, 31, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Retail Fraud II, and was fined \$190 or 14 days. He was cited May 31, 1995, by the city police.

David Alan Elson, 31, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Malicious Destruction Under \$100, and was fined \$190 or 14 days. On motion of prosecuting attorney, original charge of Malicious Destruction Fire/Police Property, amended to above.

Robert Steven Leal, 27, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of Unlawful Use Of Marijuana, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, plus his license was suspended six months. He was cited Sept. 21, 1993, by the state police. On motion of prosecuting attorney, original charge of Delivery Of Marijuana, was amended to above charge.

Russell Neil Savage, 42, of Mt. Morris, plead guilty to the charge of Unlawful Use Of Marijuana, and was

fined \$240 or 30 days, plus his license was suspended six months. He was cited Oct. 12, 1995, by the DNR.

Robert Emock Rathburn, 18, of Roscommon, demanded a preliminary exam to the charge of Larceny Over \$100. A \$5,000 bond was set.

William Jeffrey Torok, 34, of Frederic, demanded a preliminary exam on Count I: Assault With A Dangerous Weapon, Count II: Weapon-Felony Firearm; and Count III: Assault With Intent To Commit Murder. A \$50,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Robert Steven Leal, 27, of Grayling, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Resist & Obstruct Officer. A \$5,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Randy Lee Brooks, 30, of Roscommon, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of No Account Check. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

Floyd Ervin Goddard, 53, of Grayling, demanded a preliminary exam on three counts of Delivery Of Marijuana, and one count of Intent To Deliver Marijuana. A \$7,500 cash or surety bond was set.

Manuel Angiano, 25, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Prisoner In Possession Of Contraband. No bond was set as he is a state prisoner.

Robert Emock Rathburn, 18, of Roscommon, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Larceny Over \$100.

MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewalt:

John A. Marshall of Detroit, was fined \$170 for Possession Of Loaded Gun In Motor Vehicle.

William Charles Hess of Pleasant Ridge, was fined \$170 for Possess Loaded Gun In Motor Vehicle.

Jonathan A. Jonker of Roseville, was fined \$170 for Possession Of Loaded Firearm In Motor Vehicle.

Oscar Elizondo II of Durand, was fined \$120 for Possess/Transport Rifle During Firearm Deer Season Without Valid Deer License.

Raymond O. Priestestersbach, Jr., of Ravenna, Ohio, was fined \$120 for Transport Uncased Gun Motor Vehicle.

Tyrone Lance Amend of Millington, was fined \$120 for Possess Loaded Gun After Legal Hunting Hours.

Gerald A. Peplinski of Millington, was fined \$120 for Possession Of Loaded Gun After Hours.

George William Hall of Roscommon, was fined \$170 for

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Mark E. Doom of Petersburg, was fined \$120 for Transport Uncased Bow In Motor Vehicle.

Seung Young Kim of West Bloomfield, was fined \$120 for Use Deer License Belonging To Another Person.

Edward Dale Ventline of Grayling, was fined \$120 for Hunt Waterfowl Without Federal Duck Stamp.

Russell F. Gorham of Riverview, was fined \$420 fines and costs, plus \$1,000 restitution for Attempt—Illegal Possession Of Deer.

Richard L. Riddlemoser of Grand Blanc, was fined \$120 for Make Use Of Artificial Light During Month Of November.

Ernie Dale Lozon of Grayling, was fined \$420 fines and costs, \$1,000 restitution, ordered to serve five days in the county jail, plus the loss of hunting license for three years, for Illegal Kill Of Whitetail Deer.

Jace E. Dubay of Bay City, was fined \$120 for Shine After 11 p.m.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Disposition from 46th Circuit Court for Crawford County. The Honorable Alton T. Davis, Nov. 20.

Tony Thomas, age 23, of the Michigan Department of Corrections, plead guilty to Prisoner Possessing Contraband. In exchange for his plea, a Habitual Offender Third Offense will be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Brian David Robinson, age 18, of Grayling, plead guilty to Embezzlement Over \$100. In exchange for his plea, a Home Invasion charge will be dismissed.

Wes Scott Howard, age 69, of Houghton Lake, plead guilty to Assault With A Dangerous Weapon. In exchange for his plea, a Habitual Offender 4th Offense will be dismissed at sentencing.

Howard D. Berger, age 41, of Grayling, was arraigned on the charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree. Berger stood mute, and the court entered a plea of not guilty on record.

Darrell James Flemons, age 29, of the Michigan Department of Corrections, plead guilty to Prisoner Possessing Contraband. In exchange for his plea, a Habitual Offender Third Offense will be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Steven Dean Priebe, age 29, of Grayling, was sentenced on the charge of Controlled Substance Delivery Manufacture of Marijuana. Priebe was placed on three years probation and shall serve six months in the county

jail, with credit for one day previously served. He shall abstain from the use of marijuana and any other illicit drugs during the term of his probation, and is subject to random testing. He shall submit himself for a substance abuse evaluation and participate in any treatment program that may be recommended, and not terminate same without the prior permission of his supervising probation agent. He shall pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$1,080 probation supervision fees.

Jeramie Steven Ruby, age 20, of Grayling, plead guilty to Assault With A Dangerous Weapon. In exchange for his plea, all other pending charges will be dismissed.

Anthony Eloys Funderberg, age 27, of the Michigan Department of Corrections, plead guilty to Prisoner Possessing Contraband. In exchange for his plea, a Habitual Offender 4th Offense will be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Henry Benjamin Smith, age 31, of The Michigan Department of Corrections, plead guilty to Prisoner Possessing Contraband. In exchange for his plea, a Habitual Offender 2nd Offense will be dismissed at sentencing.

David John Williams, age 28, of Grayling, plead guilty to an added Count 15: Attempt Uttering And Publishing A No Account Check. In exchange for his plea, Counts 1-14 will be dismissed. Restitution has been paid in full.

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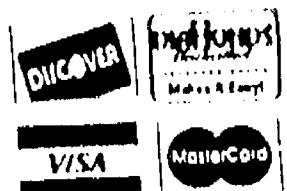


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Mr. and Mrs. L. D. James Newsted of Grayling, wish to announce the engagement of their son, Larry Lee Newsted, to Angela Robin McFFord, daughter of James and Deborah McFFord of Dayton, Nevada. Larry and Angela are stationed with the U.S. Navy in Chicago, Illinois. A Jan. 1996, wedding is planned, in Chicago.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on Dec. 6 and cease on Dec. 8.

The Small Arms Ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on Dec. 6 and cease on Dec. 8.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. 197 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on Dec. 6 and cease on Dec. 13.

Courthouse grievance

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with action the board has previously taken," Long said. "Her probationary employment period was almost over. We thought we were being good employers, but now this grievance will go to arbitration, costing the county about \$2,000. I don't know why it was ever filed, but it has forced us to follow the contract to the letter.

"They probably wanted time off with pay," Long added, "but if we had given it to them, we would have been forced to give the same amount of time off to the departments that continued to work. The sheriff department, maintenance and building and zoning all worked that afternoon."

Long said the board's decision to give the employees a 2-hour paid lunch on Dec. 21, for the annual county Christmas party will not be affected.

"Not just courthouse employees, but all county employees will get the two hours off," Long said. "This isn't precedent setting, it's Christmas."

Local dancers win awards in Chicago competiton



AWARD RECIPIENTS--Posing with their many trophies and awards are (Back L to R) Louise Tournaud, Jill St. Germain, Jackie Murphy, Gretchen Brown, Stacy Rider and Heather Freeman. In front (L to R) are Mandi Sinnaeve and Ashley Longendyke.

The Louise Tournaud School of Dance Competition Team started its season off with a bang on Sunday, Nov. 12, at Chicago's Fairmont Hotel.

After driving 12 hours in a blizzard to get to Chicago, the girls did a great job. They received 21 first-place awards and also received the

1st, 2nd and 3rd high overall scores in the 9 to 11, 12 to 14 and 15 to 17 age divisions.

The dance studio also received a special award for excellence in dance.

Two dancers, Gretchen Brown and Jackie Murphy were nominated for the "Miss Sweetheart Award,"

for the best dancer in the state.

Ashley Longendyke received a \$600 scholarship award to be used for classes in New York City, where the team hopes to perform in August. The girls' next competition will be at national competition in Indianapolis.

Senators seek financial relief for petroleum storage-tank owners

Owners and operators of petroleum underground storage tanks could see some financial relief from stiff congressional mandates, under a resolution sponsored by state Senators Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, and George McManus, R-Traverse City.

Leaking underground storage tanks have long been a problem for Michigan, and the rest of the country, as we all need petroleum at our local gas stations, yet leaking petroleum can sometimes end up in groundwater supplies. Owners and operators of such tanks are therefore, required by Congress, to have some type of financial assistance, to guarantee prompt and effective clean-ups of such spills. The high cost of the financial assistance required by Congress, however, is driving some companies

right out of business.

Bennett, chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, and McManus, who has many small business owners in his district who are affected by the requirement, have joined forces by introducing a resolution asking Congress to re-evaluate the financial assistance requirement.

"There is a very definite need for financial assistance, whether it is provided by insurance coverage, a surety bond or a risk-retention group," explained Bennett. "The problem is the set requirement far exceeds the average risk, making the coverage unaffordable, when such extensive coverage isn't even necessary."

Said McManus, "Congress requires \$1 million in financial assistance when the average clean-up costs is closer to

\$100,000. Add to this the fact that there is a serious lack of private sector insurance available in Michigan, and the whole requirement becomes far too burdensome for small business owners."

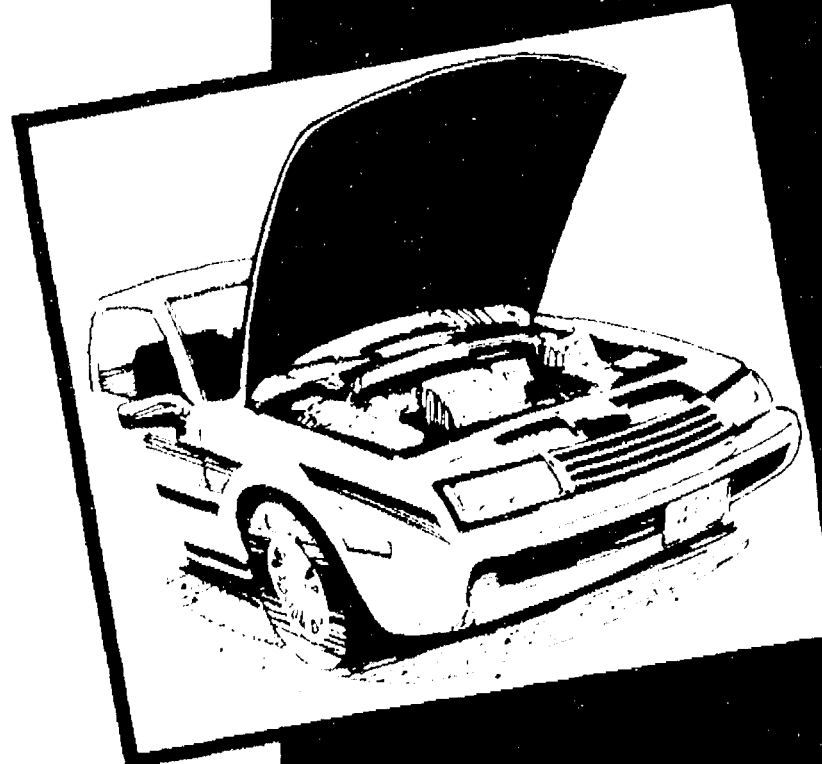
Bennett stated, "by establishing more reasonable financial assistance requirements, we could still protect the environment and groundwater supplies, while at the same time allowing these business owners to do their jobs and provide for the consumers they serve. A change in this requirement could have a very positive impact on local economies, however, if the requirement remains as unreasonable as it is, the long-term impact could be devastating."

Senate Resolution No. 207, and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 255, "memorialize the Congress of the United States to review and revise federal requirements for financial assistance for owners and operators of underground petroleum storage tanks." Upon adoption of the resolutions by the state Legislature, they will be sent to Congress, the President of the United States, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Michigan congressional delegation.

"The district I represent is arguably the most beautiful area in the state, and I believe very strongly in protecting the natural resources that make this region one of the nation's top tourist attractions," McManus said, "But Congress doesn't realize that in rural areas where towns and even residents are vastly separated, these convenience store-gas stations are the only source of fuel and other necessary items for miles. The tourism industry is also dependent on these places to serve our out-of-state guests."

The resolutions were slated for committee action in the state Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

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Ethel Arbenowske

Ethel L. Arbenowske, 78, of Grayling, died Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at her son's residence in Grayling. A memorial and graveside service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, in the spring, with Pastor Terry Colby officiating. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mrs. Arbenowske was born March 5, 1917, in Detroit. She and her husband, Elmer, were married in Evergreen Lutheran Church in Detroit, on May 25, 1965. They moved to Grayling six years ago from Rawsonville.

Mrs. Arbenowske was employed at Excella Corporation in Detroit, before retirement. She was a member of Grayling Baptist Church.

Mrs. Arbenowske was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, on Jan. 18, 1995; brother, Donald Schebel; and parents, Conrad and Emma (Borowski) Schebel.

Survivors include: son, Arthur and wife Shelly Emmons of Grayling; daughter, Constance Card of Kansas City, Missouri; granddaughter, Annette Card of Kansas City, Missouri; grandson, Bobby and wife Trish Emmons of Grayling; granddaughters, Connie and husband Bob Turck of Taylor, and Tara Emmons and fiance Ryan Green of Grayling; great-grandson, Garrett Emmons of Grayling; great-granddaughter, Jace Card of Kansas City, Missouri; brothers, Floyd Schebel, Irvin Schebel, and Roger "Butch" Schebel; and sister, Fay Thomas.

Louise Roe

Louise Williamson Roe, 79, of Sarasota, Florida, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995, in Sarasota. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 2, at Maple Valley Chapel, Genther Funeral Home in Nashville, Michigan, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Susan Trowbridge officiating. Burial is in Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville.

Mrs. Roe was born Oct. 15, 1916, in Nashville, and was a resident of Sarasota for the past eight years, previously living in Grayling, her summer home.

Mrs. Roe was a graduate of Michigan State University, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She taught briefly in the Detroit public school system, and married Edward Williamson, who preceded her in death in 1973.

An accomplished water colorist, she was active in Green Bay, Wisconsin art circles, and she exhibited her work and won honors in Wisconsin, Michigan and Sarasota.

Survivors include: husband, Vidian L. Roe of Sarasota; step-children, Linda McFarland of Grand Rapids, and Vidian L. Roe III of Bradford, Vermont; brother, Carl A. Lentz of Delton; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Putnam Library, Nashville, or the charity of their choice.

Card of thanks

We would like to thank Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, the Ladies Auxiliary for the luncheon, Merritt Speedway for the race flag, Sorenson Funeral Home, and our many friends and family for their support in our time of sorrow.

The family of Robert Hale

Card of thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan would like to thank the caring people of Crawford County, including the police department. You know who you are.

LaVora Rosenau

LaVora M. "Pat" Rosenau, 83, of Higgins Lake, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995, at her residence after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mrs. Rosenau was born Nov. 25, 1912, in Detroit. She worked at Vickers Corp. in Detroit for many years, then moved with her family to Lansing in 1953. She joined the Vivians Womens Association of the Lansing B.P.O. Elks Lodge, where she served as a volunteer and organizer for the American Cancer Society's annual "Carnations for Cancer" drive for many years.

Her final years were spent enjoying family and friends at Higgins Lake, including the natural woodland and wildlife surroundings. Her love of flowers, birds and deer sustained her.

Survivors include: her husband of 55 years, Glenn Rosenau of Higgins Lake; step-mother, Gertrude Moore of Higgins Lake; son, Richard and wife Pauletta of Okemos; grandchildren, Erin Lynn Rosenau and Beth Ann Holiday, both of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Melissa and husband Scott Stadler of Pompano Beach, Florida; brother-in-law, Arthur W. Rosenau of Livonia; brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Betty Smith of Cheboygan.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Loving Care Hospice of Roscommon, P.O. Box 532, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Margaret Klapka

Margaret "Carlisle" Klapka, 76, of Bonita Springs, Florida, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995.

Mrs. Klapka was born May, 11, 1919, in Washington D.C., the daughter of Thomas Alva and Myra (Powers) Knott. She was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, a member of the Tri Delta Sorority and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Klapka had been a resident of Bonita Springs for the past 15 years, previously living in Roscommon.

Survivors include: husband of 53 years, Karl J. Klapka of Bonita Springs; daughter, Karen L. and James Wright of Fairfield, Ohio; granddaughter, Teresa L. Calvin of Fairfield, Ohio; sister-in-law, Virginia Knott of Iowa City, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Lung Association, 1436 Royal Palm Square Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33919.

Chris Andrews

Chris Andrews of Grayling, co-owner of Pointe North of Grayling, died Monday, Dec. 4, 1995. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling.

Friends may call Sorenson Funeral Home for complete arrangements, 348-2951. A full obituary will appear in next week's Avalanche.

Card of thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Gosling, McNamara and Burkley, for their care of our mother. Also Derek McEvers for his help and support after her death. We also thank friends who sent cards or had kind words for us. A special thanks to Pastor Terry Colby, and members of the Grayling Baptist Church, who provided and served a wonderful meal.

The family of Mary Skinner

Duane Furrow

Duane William Furrow (M/Sgt. U.S. Army Ret.), 57, of Panama City Beach, Florida, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1995, in a Panama City hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m., in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Jack Hankins officiating. Full military rites were conducted by the honors team from Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

Honorary pallbearers were Jeffrey Stewart, Robert Parens, James Parens, Mel Kane, Duke Mullis and Wayne Snow.

A memorial service will be held at Camp Grayling at a later date.

Mr. Furrow had been a resident of Panama City for the past five years, moving there from Houghton Lake. He was a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Army, and worked security at Venture Out on Panama City Beach.

Survivors include: wife, Ann Miller Furrow of Panama City Beach, Florida; step-children, Jeffrey and wife Michelle Stewart, and Jena and husband Robert Parens, both of Bradenton, Florida; sons, Phillip Furrow, Patrick Furrow and Paul Furrow, all of Rockford, Illinois; grandson, Jacob Parens; father, William K. Furrow of Pickney; sister, Delores and husband Robert Peal of Pickney; and brother, Leslie Furrow of Houghton Lake.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Emmaus United Methodist Church, 1206 Highway 22, Panama City, Florida 32404.

Card of thanks

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Richard Robbins

Richard L. Robbins, 61, of Beaver Creek Township, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Rev. Lyle Studer officiating. Burial was in Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.

Mr. Robbins was born June 9, 1934, in Lansing, and had moved to Crawford County 13 years ago from there. He had served in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Robbins was preceded in death by his parents, William and Iva May (Hurl) Robbins.

Survivors include: son, Roger and wife Nancy Robbins of Grayling; daughters, Norma Toaz of Largo, Florida, Rosemary and husband Dan Morris of Lansing, and Michelle and husband Rich Keller of Ypsilanti; daughter-in-law, Linda and husband Mel Ripley; and grandchildren: Jason Beals, Roger Robbins, Jr., Richard Robbins, Robert Robbins, Zachary Robbins, Jerry Hawley, Valerie Aves and Chris Morris.

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I especially want to thank my brother P.J., Sheriff Dave Lovely and my fellow-hunter Doug Hoesli, who followed the blood trail of that deer through the night, not to mention waist-deep snow, and found me.

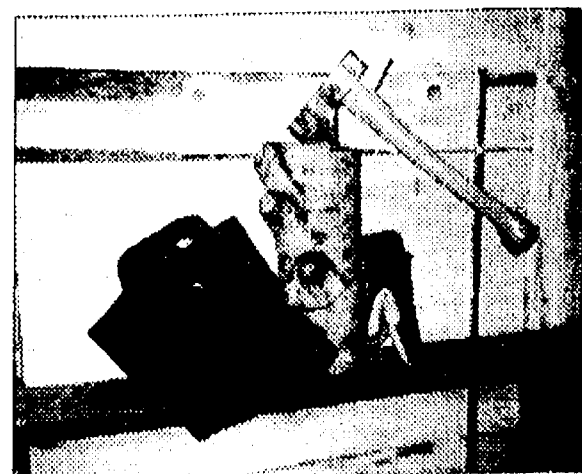
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Some people claim they were cut out to be leaders. Others think they were sewn together wrong!

By the time this goes to press, the Senior Center is aglow with Christmas spirit and decorations. Do plan on visiting and partaking of the activities and seeing the marvelous decorations that the committee has done for us. Remember the Christmas dinners (2) one at 1 p.m. and the other at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Get your reservations in early so you don't get in after the cut-off on Thursday, Dec. 7. There will be dancing between the dinners from 1:30 to 4:30. Donation price for seniors remains at \$1.50 and the junior's price is \$3.

Winter is upon us in great fervor, but come when you can. Kept tuned in the mornings to see if the schools are closed, because that will be an indicator that the Senior Center will be closed also. Our motto is, if the roads are bad for the school buses to travel, then they are bad for seniors to be traveling into the center for activities or meals. If you have any questions or concerns,

call the center anyway, because there will be someone manning the phones, 348-7123.

New games and cards afternoons on Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and they are looking for euchre and pinocle players, as well as cribbage, etc. Come and make up your own table, or join in and make a fourth, because they are looking forward to filling the tables.

"BK" Bingo at 12:30 p.m. on the 6th and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.; Frederic Satellite on Dec. 8, with the speaker from Otsego Munson Home Services; Annual Christmas dinners and dance on Tuesday, Dec. 12. A special Bible film is being shown at Bible study on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m., and the monthly birthday luncheon at 12 noon the same day; blood pressures from 11 a.m. to noon on Dec. 14, with "R&R" at 5:30 p.m.; Lovells Satellite on Friday, Dec. 15, with the speaker from Otsego-Munson at 12 noon, and legal help at 1:30 p.m. here at the center. Don't forget the potluck on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

The ladies have completed their baskets and are anxiously awaiting the next class, sometime in January. Watch for the dates and sign up, regardless if you are a beginning or experienced basket weaver, you will be welcome.

There could be a lot more people enjoying themselves if they would take advantage of activities that are offered through the Commission on Aging and Senior Citizen Center. Keep checking this column as well as the Senior Gazette, our monthly news bulletin and give us a call. We can give you more information, sign you up, or just chit-chat about something that might interest you. Stop in or give us a call at 348-7123.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, it is

really the best deal in town. Any senior, or spouse, that is 60 or more is welcome, and bring your friends and families. With the new funding year upon us, the required donation for seniors remains the same, at \$1.50, however, the charge for those under 60 goes up to \$3.

Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try to call ahead (348-7123). Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and noon only on

Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

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Dec. 6-Chicken & Biscuits/Salisbury Steak;
Dec. 7-Roast Beef/BBQ Pork;
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Dec. 12-Special Christmas Dinners at 1 and 5 p.m.;
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RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Mologianes

The season for giving is here, and what better way than to give of yourself. If you are 55 years of age, or older, we could use your help. We are the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. We provide volunteers in all areas of need in our community. We have volunteer positions for any interest area you may have. Everything from Meals on Wheels deliveries and emergency transporting, to fundraising for non-profit organizations in our community. We could use office help in our office, and also in the office at Grayling Recreation Authority. We help to supply volunteers to Mercy Hospital's Auxiliary.

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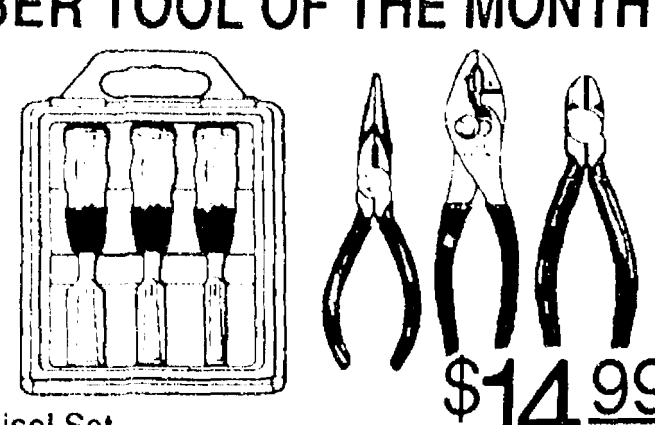
insurance. We also do recognition events to be sure that our volunteers know how much they are appreciated. All it takes is stopping by our office on Lawndale, and we will sign you up. There are no membership fees involved, but you do become a member of one of the largest volunteer organizations in the nation. If you have any questions, give us a call at 348-4341.

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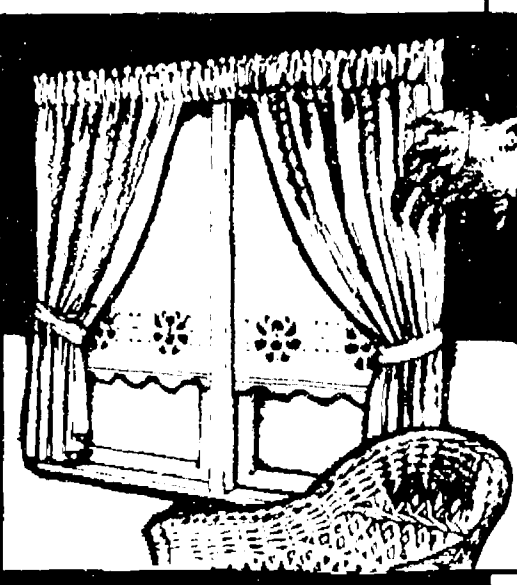
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Early snow means more dollars for local businesses

By Jennifer Dahl
Capital News Service

As the snow continues to fall in the Grayling area, tourists are getting ready to rev up their snowmobiles—and businesses their cash registers.

Jerry Meyer, executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said many people have been calling since the snow began, to learn about the snowmobile trails and when they can use them.

Crawford County has one of the most complete trail systems in the state, and now it has been improved.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) funded a program to expand the state-sponsored trails that already exist in Crawford County, by 11 miles. The DNR's grant let the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association connect two other major trails.

That will make it better for snowmobilers because now they can stay off the roads, said Ed Holtcamp, Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association vice president and trail chairman.

It will make it much more convenient for snowmobilers to stay on the trails but, more importantly, safer for them, he said.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association and the Grayling Area Visitor's Council also supported the expansion of the trails. Their funding expanded the trails and additional seven miles.

The new trail starts on the north end of Grayling, near the Interstate Highway 75 Business Loop, and goes to Frederic.

Four major trail systems already existed that allowed for long or short-

distance trips.

One of the longest trails in the state connects Grayling with Lovells, Lewiston, Red Oak and Frederic. Another leads from Grayling, to connect with the Blue Bear Trail and Kalkaska County to the west.

Holtcamp said there is little doubt that the new trails will bring in more tourists. He and many others hope the weather also will keep them coming.

Last year, the city found out how important the weather was because the snow was not there. Only two really good weekends let the snowmobilers get on the trails, Meyer said.

"Winter is very important to us," he said. "We think we're as good as the U.P. when it comes to snowmobiling."

The new trails and early weather could make up for last year, and give Grayling a more competitive edge with

winter tourism, said Donald Holeccek, director of the Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resource Center at Michigan State University.

Grayling has a good location to attract winter tourists from all over the state, and the snowmobile trails are one significant reason, he said.

"Twenty-five years ago, Michigan was the home of downhill skiing," he said. "We had a dead season, and then snowmobiling came along, and now it's one of the most popular winter sports."

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

I was questioned recently about my desire to take part in the fall hunting seasons, and it was soon evident, the questioner was not, and had never been a hunter. I could have given that person a standard explanation, but as my grandfather and father taught, there is more to hunting than hunting. There are traditions and ceremonies to follow from both the white and red sides of the family tree. This article is dedicated not only to my sons, Jeremiah and Stacey, but to my friends who hunt, and all sons and fathers who make up very special hunting teams.

For me, fall is a time when memories of people and past events come flowing back and, in one way or another, those people and events are tied inextricably to hunting. For many, myself included, hunting is much more than taking game. Others more gifted with the pen have tried to explain their feelings about being a hunter and hunting, but here goes anyway.

It is memories of my father and grandfather, of wool hunting clothes steaming dry beside a fire, the dull glint of brass shells, the swinging

needle of a compass; it is the toes and fingers tingling from the cold, the fragrance of grandpa's pipe being carried by the breeze; it is a chickadee hanging upside down on a hemlock branch; it is the taste of an apple toasted over a small fire; it is the deepening cold penetrating the mackinac when the sun goes down; it is the snow squeaking underfoot in the chill of the morning; it is the darkness retreating reluctantly from the swamp; it is the mouth-watering smell of bacon and pancakes; it is the moan of a high wind in the green stuff; it is the hoarse call of a raven and the rattlesnake squawk of a blue jay; it is the mouse nibbling on the crumbs from your noon sandwich.

Or maybe it is the chickadee sitting on the front sight of the rifle, or the sound of birch bark flaring into flame under a pile of twigs, or the sound of water trickling over a beaver dam, or the whistle of an unseen whistler; it is the stories of past hunts, the successes and failures; it is the warmth of the blankets before someone starts the fire in the morning; it is the smell of stew cooking on the woodstove at day's

end; it is the memory of my father or grandpa appearing as if by magic from a snowy November woods; it is the smell of gun oil and Granger tobacco; it is maps drawn in the snow or sand with a stick; it is the ear-to-ear grin of a son at the end of a successful first hunt; it is the vision of a cabin or tent with smoke standing upright from the chimney and the sound of laughter and talk from within; it is stars still twinkling in a velvet sky before the sun chases them away; it is the flavor of strong black coffee flavored with molasses; it is the memory of whispered consultations with an uncle or grandpa or father somewhere in a tangle of ridges and forest; it is all those things and more. I was taught that to remember your people and your past, is to keep them alive, and each hunting trip is really only a good excuse to recall more little things about people and events that trail off into the distance of time.

Now you know what takes me, and probably a lot of other people into the woods at this time of year.



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Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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Question: Our family likes to fix large batches of soup and chili ahead of time to serve our hungry hunters during deer season. Could there be a problem with this?

Answer: We are now at that time of the year when numerous family gatherings, chili suppers and bazaars are taking place. This also means that we are fast approaching the possibility of bacteria growing in large containers of food causing food-borne illness.

Because of the chilly weather, many cooks plan on serving soups, chili and stews to their shivering guests. Some are prepared in advance for later reheating. This requires adequate knowledge on the part of the food handler, who must cook, cool and re-heat large quantities of food in a safe manner.

If soups, chilies, sloppy joes, etc. are cooked before hand, they must be cooled at such a rate that all proportions of the mixture drop to 45 degrees Fahrenheit in four hours or less. Inadequate cooling of large quantities

of food is one of the main causes of food-borne illness in this country.

There are two ways to cool a large quantity of food safely:

• First, the food can be re-distributed into shallow containers to a depth of 4 inches or less and refrigerated until cold. Shallow containers are especially important if the food is too thick to stir while cooling down.

• A second method is to place the food container in a large sink filled with ice to the level of the food. Water is added to the ice and the food is stirred frequently to equalize the cooling process. As ice melts, more ice is added. The temperature of the food is checked frequently so that food can be placed in shallow containers if not cooling fast enough. When the temperature is reduced to 45 degrees Fahrenheit within the 4-hour limit, the food is transferred to the refrigerator until ready to heat and serve.

Although these methods seem like time-consuming nuisances, they are important and necessary. Other food-preparation safety tips may be obtained by calling the food sanitarians at the environmental health offices of the health department. Their advice is especially important if an organization you belong to is planning a bazaar or hunter's supper that is open to the public. Then you should inquire about applying for a temporary food-service license if you are organizing such an event.

GHS Project Graduation to hold fundraiser dinner at Taco Bell

GHS Project Graduation '96 will be holding a fundraiser at Taco Bell on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m.

When you present a coupon while placing your order, 15 percent of that purchase will be donated to Project Graduation. Coupons will be available from any senior class member, Project

Graduation parent, and will also be available at the door.

The Project Graduation committee is also hoping that Santa will have some free time during this busy time of year, to come and visit with the children during dinner.

Musical ministry comes to Assembly of God

The ministry of Gary De Haan and Kenny Frontz, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Grayling Assembly of God Church, at 11 a.m. De Haan and Frontz present their musical program all over the United States, in almost 200 churches a year. De Haan has recorded over 33 albums of music and ministry. He is the author of the national best-selling *Kurds 'n' Whay*, children's cassettes. He has written over 30 songs, plays the piano, sings and testifies to the wonderful miracle working power of the Lord Jesus. A one-time drug addict,

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Frontz has traveled with De Haan for more than 15 years. He sings, plays the violin and the guitar. A published artist, his art work is displayed in galleries around the country. Frontz's testimony is one of the keeping power of the Lord.

Plan to attend for this special time. You will leave different and uplifted. For further information, call (348-8885). The church is located on the I-75 Business Loop.

Ogemaw Community Choir performs Handel's Young Messiah at Kirtland

The Ogemaw Community Choir will present two performances of Handel's *Young Messiah* on Dec. 16, at 5 and 8 p.m., in the Gilbert L. Stewart Auditorium on the campus of Kirtland Community College.

The choir will be accompanied by an orchestra pulled from the ranks of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra, and members of the Interlochen community.

The 58-voice choir represents numerous churches from Ogemaw County and the surrounding communities. The choir has performed a variety of Christmas cantatas during the past 15 years. Proceeds from recent concerns have gone to benefit charitable causes within the community.

Handel's Young Messiah premiered in 1990, as an artist-oriented event, and received immediate acclaim in churches and concert halls throughout the country.

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Reserved seating at \$10 and general admission seating at \$4 is available by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

General admission tickets are also available through the Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church at the corner of Gray Road and West M-55, P.O. Box 156, West Branch, MI 48661, or by calling (517) 345-2260. Persons ordering from the church by mail are asked to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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You don't want to make this breakthrough

This type of breakthrough is referring to breaking through the ice on a lake which has not completely frozen — an occurrence that happens all too often when people are unaware of ice conditions.

When temperatures do get cold enough for the water to freeze, winter sports enthusiasts should always check before venturing out onto the ice. Ice can form in several different conditions, and some are more perilous than others.

CLEAR ICE is the strongest, formed by a long hard freeze, and can vary in color from green, blue and black depending on the water color beneath the ice. Frazil ice is usually the first type to form when temperatures drop, and is made up of disk-shaped crystals which form a thin film, eventually forming a solid sheet of ice.

Snow ice is milky-looking and was formed from refrozen melted snow. Snow ice is low in density and porous and is very weak. Layered ice is just that, many layers of frozen and refrozen snow giving it a striped appearance.

Fishermen, snowmobilers, ice skaters and anyone who ventures out onto the ice should follow these tips. Never go out alone. Test the ice with a spud every few feet, thickness can change in that short of a space.

Wear a life preserver or float-coat. Attach a 2—25 foot long rope to your waist and let it drag behind you, it won't interfere and it's something someone can grab should you fall

through.

The notion that ice thickness is the only factor determining ice strength should be discarded once and for all. Thick ice does not necessarily mean safe ice.

Because ice seldom freezes at the same rate in the same body of water, it is not uniformly thick from one location to another. Ice can be one foot thick in one location, and only one inch thick just ten feet away, according to experts.

New ice is usually stronger than old ice, and grows thicker and stronger during formation. But as ice decays, the many factors that can cause ice deterioration are: weather, spells of warmer than colder temperatures can cause melting and refreezing, weakening the ice; underground springs, many Michigan lakes are spring-fed, and the warmer temperatures of the spring water can cause the ice to weaken from underneath.

Entrances of streams and dams also can cause the ice to be unstable in those locations. A thick blanket of snow can actually insulate the surface against freezing, causing the ice to form more slowly or even deteriorate.

If you do break through the ice, there are some things you can do to avoid serious injury or death. First, try not to panic and thrash about. The air trapped in your clothing will help you float. Yell for help.

Turn toward the direction that you came from. The ice is likely to be stronger there. Place your arms on the

edge of the solid ice. Keys, a pocket knife, ice pick or belt buckle will help you grip the ice. You may want to carry a few large nails in an outside coat pocket for this purpose.

Once you've got a grip on the ice, kick your legs hard and pull yourself up on the ice. If the ice breaks, move forward and try again. When you're out, do not stand up, but roll away from the break and stand only when you've reached solid ice. Go to a place of shelter and warm up immediately.

If you are attempting to rescue someone else who has fallen through

the ice, follow these steps:

•Stay calm! Don't walk or run to the edge of the breakthrough or you risk becoming a victim too.

•Throw the victim a rope, or slide a long ladder, pole or sturdy branch. Always lie on your stomach and push the object out in front of you.

•If there are other people available, form a chain by lying flat on your stomach and gripping the ankles of the person in front of you.

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1. In the movie "Terms of Endearment" which actress says "Give my daughter a shot right now!"
2. In what movie did Jim Carey say "If I'm not back in five minutes, just wait longer."
3. In what movie did Arnold Schwarzenegger say "I'll be back!"
4. Who played the submarine captain in the movie "Crimson Tide"?
5. In the movie "Tombstone", who said "I'm your Huckleberry."
6. In the movie "Apollo 13", which actor said, "We have a problem, Houston."
7. In the movie "Pulp Fiction", who plays the boxer that takes a bribe?
8. In the movie "Forget Paris", where did Billy Crystal meet his fiancée for the first time?
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Questions answered by the VA

Editor's note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

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Answer: Yes. You should file a claim for service connection for the secondary condition as being due to, or the result of, the original disease or injury.

Question: I was a Reservist called to serve in the Persian Gulf War. I was told that I may qualify for some VA benefits if I served on active duty during the war, for at least 90 days. I was on active duty for 89 days. Can I count the two days it took me to travel from where I was discharged, to my home, to give me the necessary active duty to apply for a VA pension?

Answer: Yes, provided the travel

time is confirmed by the service department. Travel time from place of discharge to your address of record may be counted for the purpose of qualifying for a pension and certain other benefits.

Question: I receive military retirement pay for my 25 years in the Army. I also receive disability compensation from VA for a 40-percent disability I received during service. What is the advantage of having my military retirement pay reduced by the amount of my VA disability compensation?

Answer: Disability compensation is not subject to federal income tax. You are, however, required to pay income tax on regular retirement pay.

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4. Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
5. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

To win the overall prizes:

1. Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
2. You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
3. The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

For the winners of last week's game, see page 4B

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1. Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertiser listed will be invalid.
2. One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
3. Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI, 49738.
4. Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
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NOTES NORTHERN

Section B- Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 7, 1995

Rotarians bring 'Law and Order' to Grayling



SCENES FROM MINSTREL SHOWS OF THE PAST -- Paul Thomson (L.TOR), Big Bird and Randy Thompson show off their acting abilities.

After a one-year layoff, the Grayling Rotary Club is back with its 1995 One Riot - One Ranger, version of the locally acclaimed Rotary Minstrel Show.

Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. The auditorium doors will open at 7 p.m. and the curtain will rise at exactly 8 p.m. Reserved seating is available at \$5 per ticket, which can be purchased at GSB.

In past years, the Rotary Minstrel Show has been a smash comedic hit and this year should be no different, as some of the communities most respected professionals by day, turn into prideless buffoons on stage at night, with no other purpose than to poke fun at their friends and neighbors.

According to Rotary Club President, Debbie Bondar, the county board of commissioners and the much debated jail addition are high on the list of targets to be roasted over the open fire.

"Law and Order" has been produced by the county's number one law and order advocate, George Stancil. The Circuit Court Judge Tom Davis. Davis is a veteran of many minstrel shows and apparently believes he will continue to win

elections despite his off-bench behavior. His able assistant is attorney Monte Burmeister, who, as a newcomer to the community, may be on the first stage out of town after the curtain drops.

Although many old stand-bys will reappear on stage, including Davis in "Prime News," John Aleas "Super Dave," and Bill Klinger and Irv McIsaac as "The N Men," many new faces and skits are sure to delight the crowd.

Burmeister said, "This is a very entertaining show, with a lot of audience participation and quite a few surprises."

As always, those foolish enough to bare their souls in the limelight will be backed by the Rotary Chorus, led again by the Maestro of Misfits, George Stancil. The chorus's 25-members will all be robed as judges (or maybe they'll all fit into just one of Davis' robes). The chorus will be



MINSTRELS OF YESTERYEAR -- The locally acclaimed Rotary Minstrel show will be Dec. 8-9 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium in Grayling High School. The picture above gives you just a taste of the fun and foolery to expect.

romping to renditions of supporting community "Hit the Road, Jack," plus goodwill."

many more, including The Grayling Rotary Club, with a community-wide membership of more than 60 individuals, is

The ever popular and talented New dedicated to the Reformation Dixieland Jazz Band, out of Grayling area. In that music and band members have promised an intermission concert. The Minstrel Show, will go back to the community to support good works. The club always a great time for annually supports local the community," Bondar organizations and said. "It's a great time for projects including Junior the Rotarians too. As the Achievement, Boy Scouts, club's largest fundraiser, youth exchange programs it enables us to continue and college scholarships.

GHS musical entertained and delighted audience



The Grayling High School Drama Club performed the musical "A Knight in Rusty Armor," by Robert Fisher this past weekend. The play had never been performed before. The play is scheduled to open in New York City within the next year.

The musical opened Wednesday, Nov. 29 and ran nightly until Sunday, Dec. 2. Bambi Mansfield directed.

Mansfield said more students tried out for the play than ever before. Between the cast and crew, more than 70 students were involved in the production. The play had 18 speaking

roles with the leads going to Andy and Aaron Perrin.

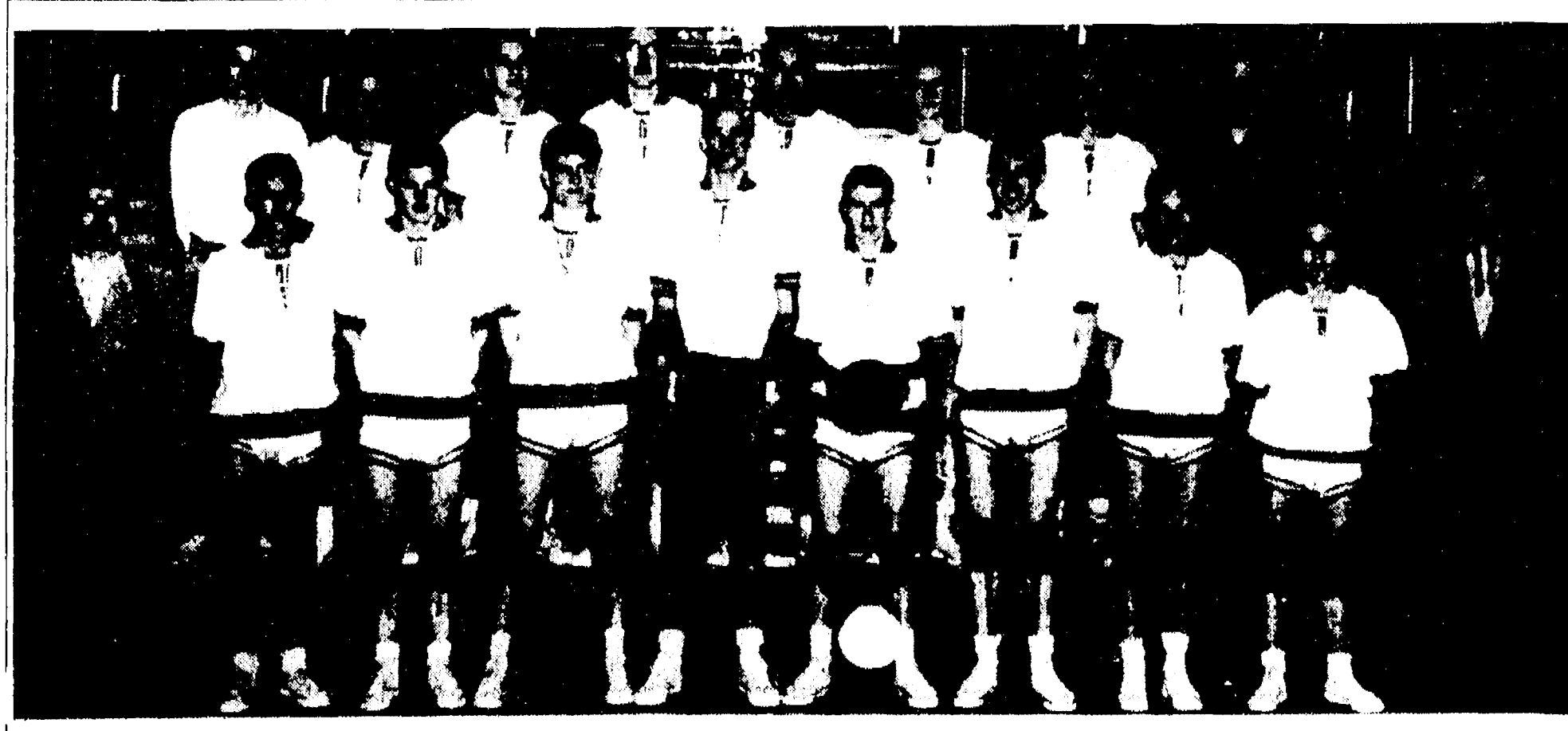
"The Knight in Rusty Armor" is a fairy tale dealing with adult concepts, said Mansfield. The play explores how people lock themselves into one role that inhibits the expansion of their horizons.

Pictured above is Jennifer Briney and Andy Perrin during a performance.

Professional make-up artist Dan Choszczyk did the make-up and special effects for the production. Debbie Choszczyk did the choreography. Karen Ross and Stacey Rosin-Gay worked with the students on the vocals.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Coach Smith to be honored at GHS opener



TO BE HONORED AT HALFTIME--Bruce Smith, legendary Grayling High School basketball coach, will be honored at halftime of the Elk Rapids - Grayling boys basketball game on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Smith is a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame. While a coach, Smith compiled 275 wins, two conference titles, six district titles, three regional championships and two quarter final victories.

Smith's friends and former players are encouraged to attend the 1995 Viking season opener in his honor. Pictured above is Smith's 1957 Viking team that reached the state semifinals. (Back L to R) manager Frank Gross, Ron Case, Roger Nelson, Bob Houghton, Don Campbell, Ron Kellogg, Russell Ballenger and manager Larry LaGrow. In the front is Assistant Coach Art Thayer, Tony Doremire, Gary Leslie, Don Roberts, Bob Strong, Dave Lowe, Bill Martin, Aubrey Welch, Joe Lowe and Coach Smith.

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Five Vikes receive conference awards



MIGGON ANDERSEN

JENNY WILKINS

AMY NEAL

Grayling Viking girls' basketball coach Tom Mills has announced that five of his team members have been selected to receive league honors.

Seniors Amy Neal, Jenny Wilkins and Miggon Andersen have been named to the all-league team. Senior Brooke Blaauw and junior Jessica St. Germain were named as honorable mention recipients.

The Vikings compiled an 11-9 overall record and a 5-3 Great Northern Conference, Huron Division record, good for a second place division finish.



BROOKE BLAAUW

JESSICA ST. GERMAIN

Individual statistics for the five include:

Name	Pts.	Rebs.	Assts.	Steals
Andersen	248	102	—	—
Neal	209	102	—	—
Wilkins	145	—	46	44
Blaauw	124	74	41	31
St. Germain	118	40	—	—



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Hanson Hills downhill open Dec. 9

Hanson Hills reports that despite lots of snow, downhill skiing will not begin until Saturday, Dec. 9. The snow isn't prepared properly and a few skiers could destroy the base, especially since the ground isn't frozen.

A beautifully groomed 32 km cross-country ski trail is open and ready to use.

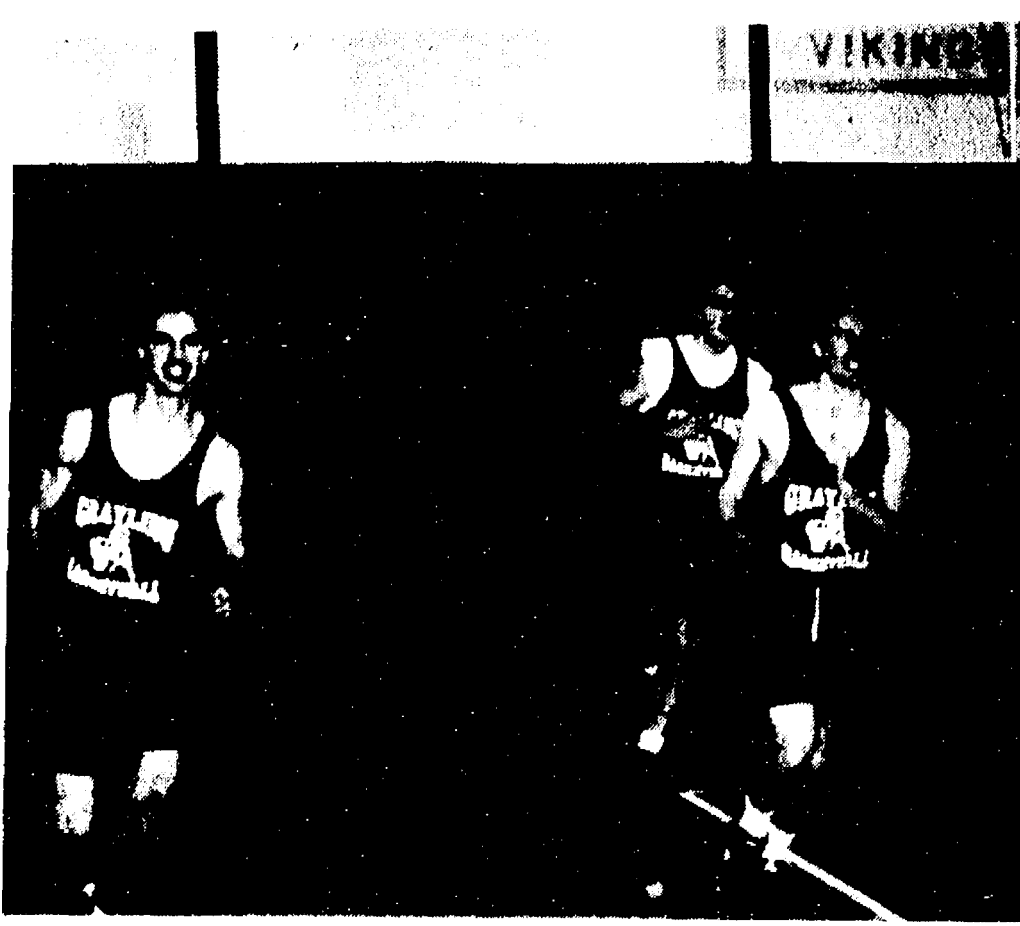
Grayling Recreational Authority will have a silent auction on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. to raise money for facility improvements at Hanson Hills. The silent auction will be held at the Red Barn. The fundraiser is necessary because tax money does not cover the expense of running the ski operation and building maintenance.

The staff at Hanson Hills has put together a wish list, which they hope money raised at the silent auction will help make come true. The wish list includes remodeling the bathrooms, paint, snowmobiles, a sound system (inside and out), matching uniforms for the staff and a new roof.

23 years ago in sports Dec. 7, 1972

The St. Ignace Saints displayed a hot shooting hand in its first defense of the MHSC title, as they took an easy 84-47 win over the Grayling Vikings on their home court.

Vike boys open Tuesday, Dec. 12

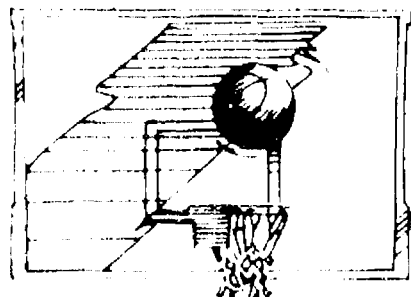


IN TRAINING--Members of the GHS boys' varsity basketball squad are hard at work preparing for their Tuesday, Dec. 12 season opener at home against Elk Rapids. Pictured above running are (L to R) seniors Jason Thompson, Joe Godlewski and Corey Northrop.

SENIOR HOOPSTERS--Viking coach Rich Moffit will be building this year's team around his senior squad of (L to R) Corey Northrop, Joe Godlewski, Jason Thompson, Chris Kucharek and (not pictured) Scott Hartman.



STRETCHING THOSE MUSCLES--The Viking varsity basketball team goes through stretching exercises prior to a recent practice at the GHS gym. The Vikings will be going into Great Northern Conference, Huron Division play, as the defending champion. The first conference game is Friday, Dec. 15 when the Onaway Cardinals come to town.



What a season!

The Grayling 7th grade girls white basketball team finished their season Nov. 9 with a win over Houghton Lake, 38-11 in the championship game of the Roscommon tournament.

This was the final win in an undefeated season, which began Sept. 18, with a 22-9 victory over the same Bobcat team. In between, there were nine other wins bringing their season total to 11-0.

The girls average over 36 points a game while allowing under 11 points a game from their competition. Three players, Kristi Hulbert, Arica Wolcott

and Danielle Niederer led the team in scoring throughout the season. Emily Fox, Jessica Holzbauer and Tabitha Harney rounded out the starting rotation adding rebounding, defense and extra offense.

Angie Fisher, Heather Lynch and Randi McEvers also did a fine job off the bench. Coach Junttila said, "I want to thank them all for a fun season during which they not only played hard and executed on the floor, but also represented their school and community very well." The parents support and patience were wonderful, said Coach Junttila.

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Rifle deer season is over for this year, at least in the Lower Peninsula. If you have an antlerless permit for area 215 in the U.P., you can hunt until December 15 there. Muzzle loader season started in the U.P. last Friday, and will start here next Friday, December 8, and you can hunt until December 17.



With all the snow, the snowmobilers are all over the area. It seems to be good with some decent weather.

About the only ice fishing I've heard about seems to be on Houghton Lake. They are getting some walleyes, and I suppose some small pike. You would have to ask around to find out where they are fishing, and if you go, be careful.

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Netters tested early this season

THE VIKING NETTERS have just 10 short days before they host their first game on Wednesday, Dec. 13 against Gaylord. Get a glimpse of some of their moves in the photos at right and below right.

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

The Grayling Volleyball team has just 10 short days to prepare for their first game against Gaylord on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Coach Becky Brown said, "I think we're going to be very competitive. We'll be tested early. We never had an invitational before Christmas in a great many years." This year the Rosecommon Invitational is scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The netters will face their toughest competition when they play Rogers City on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The six returning seniors will provide the team with some good leadership, said Brown. The juniors are very aggressive.

In alphabetical order is a rundown of this year's team. The comments are Coach Brown's.

BROOKE BLAAUW is a 5'8" senior. Brooke brings a lot of experience to the team. I look to her to be a leader playing middle or outside. She is an all-around strength.

KRISTIE CADEAU is a 5'11" sophomore. Kristie will provide great back court play for us. She has aggressive serving which is a key to our defense.

NICOLE CRAIGIE is a 5'6" sophomore. Nicole is raw talent. She is going to develop into a strong middle hitter and middle block.

VICKI CREPS is a 5'3" senior. Vicki brings experience to the team. She is one of two main setters. More than that she brings a strong desire to set.

AMY GODLEWSKI is a 5'2" sophomore. She plays on the Junior Varsity team during the week and joins the Varsity team on Saturdays. Amy will provide strategic serving and aggressive defense. Amy really wants to hit.

MONICA LAWRENCE is a 5'6" senior. Monica is an experienced player. She is a strong, strong hitter with a great vertical jump. She is a strong passer. I look to her to put everything together this year.

AMY NEAL is a 5'11" senior. This is Amy's third year on the varsity and as a starter. I look to her to dominate the net play offensively with attack and defensively with blocks. Amy has all the skills needed, I believe, to play college ball. I believe this will be her best year.

TRISHA ORMSBEE is a 5'6" senior. Trisha has the ability to hit hard and consistently. When she stays healthy she has a very consistent serve. Trisha has both knee and shoulder problems that have sidelined her in the past.

JESSICA ST. GERMAIN is a 5'7" junior. Last year we needed Jessica as a setter. We didn't utilize her strong hitting. This year we plan to use her hitting abilities. We should be able to see a lot of power out of Jessica. I think she is looking forward to that.

REBECCA SHAHAN is a 5'6" junior. Rebecca is one of those players that I'm excited to work with this year. She has just a bullet serve. She needs experience but could be a very strong hitter and passer.

ERIN SMITH is a 5'8" sophomore. Erin will develop into being a utility player. She can be successful at all three front row positions and provides a strong serve.

JAMIE TOBIAS is a 5'5" sophomore. Jamie will play on the JV team during the week and join the varsity team on Saturdays. I look for Jamie to be a second utility player that I'll be able to use in any capacity. She works hard and has great potential.

JESSICA WAITE is a 5'4" junior. Jessica is sidelined temporarily until she undergoes knee surgery on Dec. 13. When she comes back in late December or possibly even January, I look for her to advance quickly. She loves the sport.

JENNIFER WEJROWSKI is a 5'7" senior. Jennifer works hard. She should be a good weak-side hitter because of her ability to be a back-up setter.

Gina Bidwell is assisting Coach Brown again this year. "Gina provides a lot of positive influence on the kids," said Brown.

Managers of the team are Eric Hamlin and Ryan Schlehuber. Eric and Ryan (when he doesn't have a broken foot) challenge the girls during practice, said Brown.

This year the JV team has a new coach, Marty Winkler. "Marty is going to be an asset to the program," said Brown. "The JV is going to be a strong team once they can get some fundamental work."

**Football Contest**

Nancy Root won this week's football contest with 27 points, beating out Kenneth Conklin and Jeremy Latuszek who tied for second with 26 points.

The Avalanche received 184 entries this week. The top contenders in the overall contest for this week are:

Irving McIsaac, 212
Jacquie Glander, 212
Mike Brandel, 207
Mary Brown, 205
Dave Peterson, 204

Louise Hatfield, 203
Carol Conklin, 203
John Brumbil, 202
Doug Latuszek, 202
Scotty MacLeod, 202
Pat Merrill, 202

Last week's winning teams were:

1. Carolina (23)
2. Green Bay
3. Pittsburgh
4. Miami
5. New Orleans
6. St. Louis
7. Minnesota (5 pts.)
8. Denver
9. Kansas City (5 pts.)
10. San Diego (44)

11. Washington
12. Seattle
13. San Francisco
14. New Orleans
15. Kansas City
16. Oklahoma State
17. Houston
18. Army (3 pts.)
19. Florida
20. Texas (22)

Here is a list of the contest players overall points as of the end of week #13. Anyone with points lower than 80 are not listed.

195 points: Jacquie Glander.
190 points: Irving McIsaac.
188 points: Mary Brown.
187 points: Pat Merrill.
186 points: Carol Conklin.
183 points: Mike Brandell.
182 points: Brenda Curtis, Thomas Goddard.
181 points: Paul Peterson.
180 points: Louise Hatfield, Dave Peterson.
179 points: John Brumbil, Mary Gothro, Doug Latuszek, Scotty MacLeod, Annette Metzger, D.J. Metzger, Ron Metzger.
178 points: Tom Weaver.
177 points: Kimberly Curtis, Mike Harmer, Rick Marshall, Steve Thompson.
176 points: Moe Enos, Pamela Hull, Gary Nettleton, Mark Reetz, Gerry St. Germain, Phyllis Thompson.
175 points: Joanna Cottenham, Paul Elekonich, Robert Gennrich, Richard Grant, Rick Mrazik, Cindy Reetz, Rick SanCarter, John Smock.
174 points: Steve Anderson, Rebecca Bond, John Cottenham, Mark Hartman, Dennis Henning, Mitch Kersey, Doug McMurtrie, Dave Sharpe, Cyndi Shearer, Duane Wales, Bob Winger.
173 points: Jan Annis, Dennis Kuhn, Aaron Peterson, Kenneth Polley.
172 points: Matt Cragg, Kelly Curtis, Nancy Gingerick, Paul Schroeder, Ross Thompson.
171 points: Lloyd Crawford, Keith Curtis, Gary Derenzy, Jeremy Latuszek, Beverly Rathbun, Ken Wyman.
170 points: Fred Krolkowski, Curt LaMotte, Carol Sieloff.
169 points: Butch Brown, Kenneth Conklin, Vicki Lewis, Darrell Metzger, Mary Ann Reynolds.

168 points: Christopher Callahan, Sandi Enos, Janet Hanson, Sherry Hamey, Mark McEvers, Tom Winchester.
167 points: Teresa Bonamie, Greg Gothro, Lacey Stephan, Scott Wakeley.
166 points: Randy Smock.
165 points: Al Fagan, Arrow Francisco, Matt Keir, Sharon McMurtrie, Rena Neilson, Jack Sieloff, David Svensen.
163 points: Melanie Cragg, Steve Czapke, Todd Harmer, Kevin Jansen, Philip Lewis, Betty MacLeod, Richard Miller, Marie St. Germain.
162 points: Chris Golinick, Rob Lawe, Glen McIntyre, Bob Root, Patti Sajdak.
161 points: Steve Bartholomew, Larry Rouse.
160 points: Paul Hamlin, Matthew Kersey, Richard Nash, June Rouse.
159 points: Cheryl Callahan, Christa Gothro, Nancy Root.
158 points: Rick Anderson, Lois Davis, Reda Francisco, Robert Mead, Arnie Stancil, Toni Stephan.
157 points: Brad Trenary.
156 points: Karen Curtis, Jerry Gildner, Joyce Lindberg, Judy Myers, Paula Nettleton.
155 points: Steve Anderson, Jr.
154 points: Clark Allen, Bob Dixon, Doug Donaldson, Lyndell Robinson.
153 points: Jamie Anderson, Bill Consani, Larry Davis, Jr., Harold Marquardt.
152 points: Jer Gildner, Ralph Krolczyk, Beverly McIntosh, J&J Millikin.
151 points: Alf Svensen, Irene Wyman.
149 points: Julie Fagan, Brett Mead, John Schneider.
148 points: Denise Boonie, Michelle Elsnor, Denyce Krolczyk, Brian Noeske.
147 points: Rose Gildner, Brent Kernstock, Rick Millikin.
145 points: Michael Consani, Chad

Kelly, Larry Pembroke.
142 points: Kim Kuhn.
141 points: Kyle Bond.
140 points: Bobby Gennrich.
139 points: Julie Gates.
138 points: Louis Smith.
136 points: Sandy Williams.
134 points: Heidi Vogel.
133 points: Gordon Schaible.
131 points: James Cunningham.
130 points: Tracy DeMeere, Kevin Hunter, Laurie Jensen.
129 points: Roy McIntosh.
127 points: Dan DeMeere, Thomas Tomeczak, Jr.
126 points: Jerry Elekonich.
121 points: Arnold Randall.
120 points: Nathan Mead.
118 points: Kay Bailey.
116 points: Ron Rakoczy.
115 points: Larry Curtis, Carol LaMotte.
114 points: Ed Furstenau.
112 points: Lisa Wakeley.
111 points: Alonzo Crismon.
109 points: Conrad Seidel.
104 points: Paul Failing.
103 points: Karen Ross.
101 points: Robert Wargo.
100 points: Susie Crismon.
99 points: David Vogel.
97 points: Dave Ross, Lennie Wargo.
95 points: John Wireman.
94 points: Wayne Davis, Bernie DeHart.
91 points: Larry Davis, Sr.
90 points: Mike Ostwald, Laura Renon.
88 points: Al Cherven.
87 points: Dave Golinick.
83 points: Shannon Secord.
80 points: Joe Contreras, Kevin Schorn.

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Calendar****Sunday**

12 noon to 6 pm
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Tuesday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Youth Booster Club
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Wednesday - 11 am
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus
K of C Hall, 604 Norway Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm
American Legion Hall
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Friday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465
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November Students of the Month



NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — The following Grayling Middle School students were nominated by their teachers. The students were treated to a pizza party and received certificates of recognition. Pictured are Britni Baker, Rebecca Baumgartner, Jenna Bugyi, Levi Burkett, Autumn Burpee, Jason Collen, Angela Decker, Michelle Isner, Janelle Gregorich, Matt Helton, Jason Henning, Melissa King, Adam Knapp, Danielle LoGiudice, Amanda Love, Kane Madsen, Bonnie Mahaney, Danny Mahaney, Rachel Miller, Jennifer Minshall, Ashley Nelson, Justin Neuberger, Nicholas Nickert, Michael Nisch, Leah Paisley, Sean Pooley, Monica Safin, Richard Schmidt, Matt Tuck, Marianne Vollmer, Matt Wakeley and Sarah Weaver.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League		Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
Peterson Saw Service	31-17	Aunt Betty's	33-19
Cornell	30-18	No Fear	31-21
Glen's	28-19-5	A.H. Rental & Repair	30-21-5
Scheer Motors	25-23	Advance Collision	26-25-5
Mickey Perez CPA	23-25	Cedar Motel	24-28
Mark II	23-25	Moshier Auto Repair	23-28-5
North Country R.V.	17-5-30-5	AJD	23-5-28-5
Fun-N-Sun Rental	14-14	A Bulldog Towing	16-36
High Game: C. Curtis, 203, B. Wheeler, 200, A. Mastie, 192, High Series: N. Rowe, 488, G. Neilson, 487, C. Curtis, 412		Men's High Game: J. Prosser, 218, D. Lozon, 203, L. Helsel, 193, Men's High Series: D. Lozon, 560, R. Lozon, 503, L. Helsel, 489	
American Men's League		Pioneer League	
McLeans	23-12	Chemical Bank	34-5-13-5
Upper Lakes	21-14	Eagles	26-5-21-5
Auto Parts	20-15	Avalanche	25-5-22-5
Stitches By Sue	19-16	Custom Interior	25-23
Fenton's Auto	18-17	Mercy Hospital	25-23
BCT	14-21	Aunt Betty's	22-26
Red Barn	13-22	Millikin's	20-5-27-5
Rod's Auto Body	12-23	M&M Crafts	13-35
High Game: P. Nunn, 221, J. Helsel, 220, K. Louchart, 219, High Series: J. Thayer, 598, J. Helsel, 591, G. Fenton, 559		High Game: C. Jones, 196, J. Hatfield, 195, S. Sumner, 193, High Series: N. Glasslee, 527, J. Hinds, 515, J. Hatfield, 503	
Northwood League		Triangle	
House of Cabinets	33	Jackson Trio	16-4
Paul's Towne House	31-5	Grayling Ford	13-7
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FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Winter Ski Season Kick-off

Tickets are on sale at Mac's Drugs, Comfort Center and at the Grayling Recreation Authority. Some of the items available at the Silent Auction are: One day of free skiing at Shanty Creek/Schuss Mt. Resort; a new pair of Cross-country skis; 1-night stay and dinner for two at the Grayling Holiday Inn; 25, 30-second commercial spots from WCLS and much more. Date: Thursday, Dec. 7; location: The Grayling Red Barn; time: 6 p.m. to 9; donation: \$10 ticket.

The event will include a silent auction featuring winter-related items, hors d'oeuvres, D.J. music by The Wise Guys, and one special winter drink called the "Hanson Hills Slider." Call us today if you would like to purchase tickets or donate an auction item, 348-9266.

Recreation Program News

Be advised that the location change for the Boys' Basketball program was only for Dec. 2. The boys will be back at the middle school gym for the rest of the league. Women's Volleyball standings, Nov. 29:

MIMA, 3—Just for Fun, 0
Carlisle Paddles, 3—Mercy Hospital, 0

Mac's Drugs, 3—DeBloom, 1

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Operation Facelift

As part of our Operation Facelift Project, we are cleaning inside too. If your child has trophies or pictures that he/she has not picked up yet, call us before Dec. 30. Thank you!

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Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1986, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31. A new contest opens Jan. 1.

The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

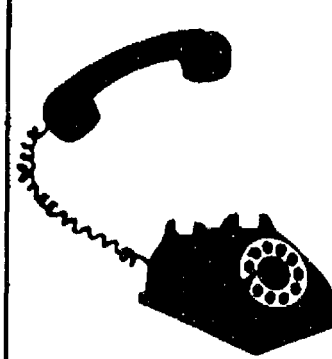
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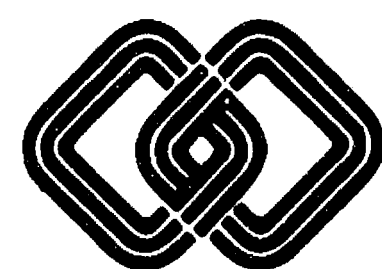
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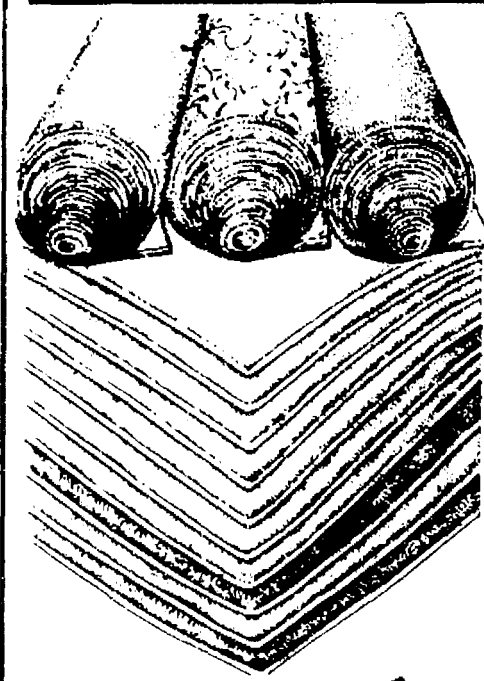
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Statistics II	Monday	6:00-9:25 pm
Cost Accounting II	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
Principles of Management	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
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Rockets help students learn science



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Program for children insures the uninsured

From a youngster treated for severe asthma, to a child immunized against polio, the Caring Program for Children has had a positive impact on the lives of more than 11,000 children statewide.

Begun in Nov., 1991, by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation and the State of Michigan, the nonprofit program begins its fifth year of providing free basic and preventive health care coverage to uninsured children.

Since its inception, the program has enrolled more than 11,000 Michigan children, and provided more than 50,000 medical services. Currently about 4,500 children are enrolled in the program. It also has identified in excess of 10,000 children, whose family income levels made them eligible for Medicaid health-care coverage and referred them to the state Medicaid program.

Openings are available in the

program on a first-come, first-serve basis, and families are encouraged to apply.

The Caring Program covers children in families whose income levels are above the Medicaid eligibility standards, have no access to health-care coverage through a employer or other sources, and meet income and other guidelines. Many enrolled youngsters are in families where one or both parents work.

Youngsters receive basic preventive and emergency care in addition to x-rays, doctor's office visits and diagnostic tests, at no charge to families, and prescription drugs for \$1 copayment. Hospitalization is not included.

"The Caring Program is an example of a joint public-private effort that has provided health-care services to Michigan youngsters, until a more comprehensive solution is found on a national level," said Richard E. Whetner, Blues president and chief executive officer.

Private donations and state matching funds pay for health-care premiums of \$472 per child, per year, for youngsters enrolled in the program. The Blues donate administrative services,

including claims processing. Thus, all dollars contributed go to provide health care services for kids.

Numerous organizations and individuals have raised donations for the program. The Detroit-based Skillman Foundation awarded \$1 million in grants over the last several years. The UAW and its president, Stephan Yokich, hosted several fundraisers generating more than \$300,000. The Women's Caring Foundation, the George Perles Golf Tournament in Lansing, Proctor and Gamble, and Blues employees also made substantial contributions.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation offers a matching program to organizations who donate \$4,720 or more, which can enroll 10 or more youngsters for a year.

The program has no waiting list, although an estimated 30,000 to 35,000 Michigan youngsters qualify under its guidelines. Outreach efforts continue with schools, physicians, pharmacists, government agencies, community groups and the media to increase public awareness and locate eligible families.

Eligible children must be under 19 years old, Michigan residents,

unmarried, not eligible for any other government or private health-care coverage, and meet income and other guidelines.

The family income guidelines for youngsters ages one to 15 are: \$15,048 to \$18,564 for a family of two, \$18,888 to \$23,292 for a family of three, \$22,728 to \$28,032 for a family of four and \$26,568 to \$32,772 for a family of five. For youngsters ages 16 to 18, the minimum income guidelines drop to \$6,019 for a family of two, \$7,555 for a family of three, \$9,091 for a family of four, and \$10,627 for a family of five.

The program is designed so that families who fall below its minimum income guidelines will qualify for the state's Medicaid Healthy Kids program.

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Sec. of State opposes increase in speed limit

Michigan Secretary of State Candice S. Miller, said recently that while she believes states should have the right to establish speed limits on interstate and other freeways, without fear of retribution by the federal government, she does not support a wholesale increase in speed limits in Michigan.

Secretary Miller, who chairs the Michigan State Safety Commission, made her remarks following President Clinton's approval of the National Highway Designation Act. The new law abolishes federal control of speed limits, which were first imposed as a fuel-saving measure in 1974.

"This speaks more about states rights than it does about speed limits," Secretary Miller explained. "Michigan and other states should have the right to decide issues like the speed limit, without fear of retribution, such as losing some type of related federal funding."

However, Secretary Miller noted that while Michigan now has the right to raise speed limits, it does not necessarily make good sense to do so. "There are areas where an increase in the speed limit would be acceptable, such as on urban freeways like I-696 between I-96 and the John Lodge Freeway in the Detroit area," Secretary Miller explained. "However, a wholesale increase in speed limits would not be prudent."

"The higher the travel speed, the greater the risk of serious injury or death in a crash," Secretary Miller added. "Higher speeds also reduce the ability of vehicle-restraint systems to protect vehicle occupants."

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CONVENIENCE

Local woman publishes book

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Preserving religious history is one of the reasons Penny Forstner of Grayling and her sister, Lael Bower, wrote *Collecting Religious Artifacts Christian and Judaic*.

"There are a lot of dealers taking prints out of frames and selling the frames," said Forstner. "They are destroying religious artifacts because people didn't realize they have a value."

Religious artifacts definitely have a value. One print featured in the book is listed as being worth \$60-80,000. The print is an signed oil portrait of a Yeshiva Student by Isidor Kaufmann.

Forstner, a substitute teacher for the Crawford AuSable School District, has been collecting religious artifacts for over 20 years. Her love of collecting led her to the flea markets where she worked for many years as an antique dealer. She has also worked many antique shows and has done appraising for estate sales.

Forstner says her price guide for religious artifacts has never been done before.

"The book will give someone clearing out grandma's attic a basis for religious items so they will know approximately what they are worth," she said.

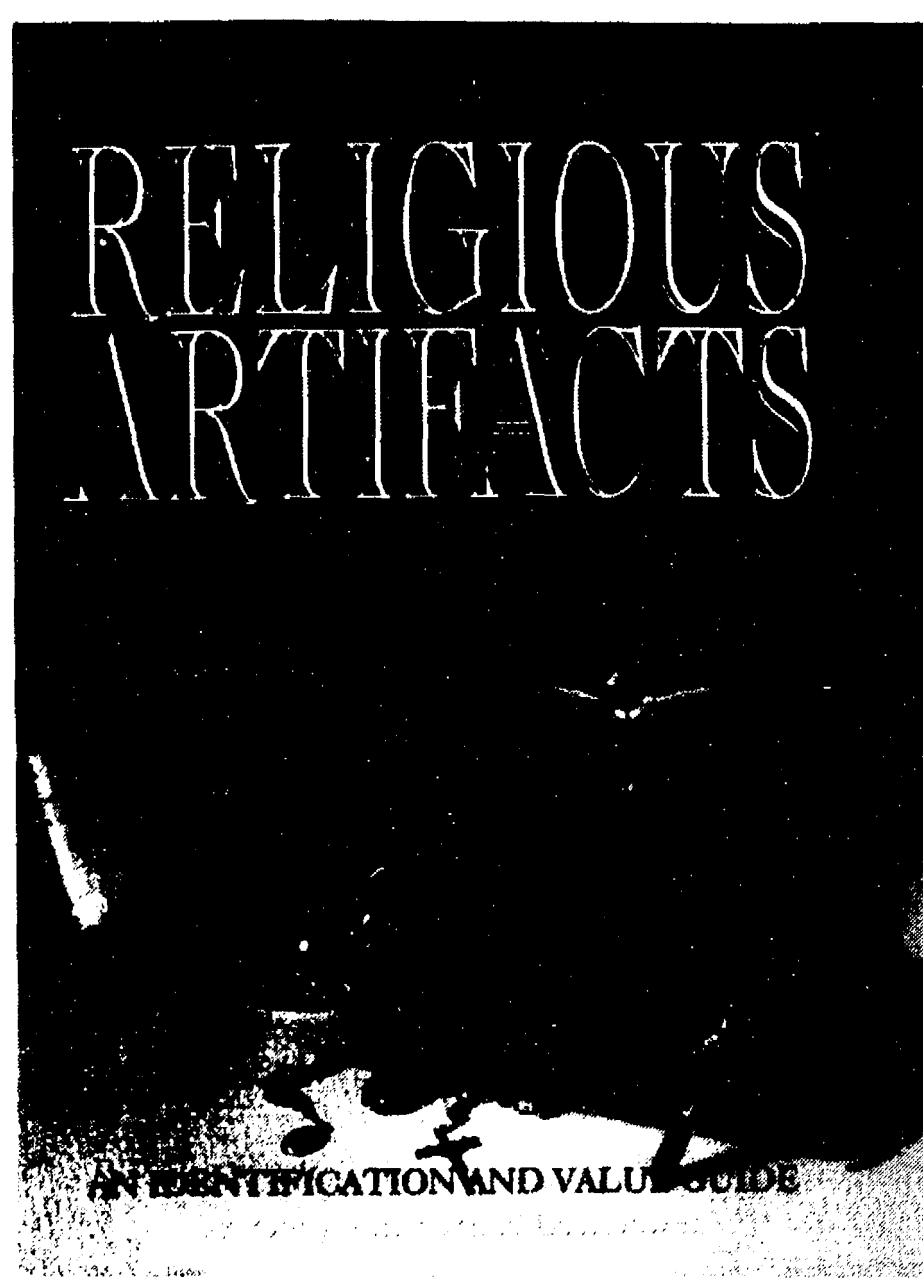


COLLECTING IS IN HER BLOOD -- Penny Forstner has been collecting religious artifacts for over 20 years.

She is in the middle of writing a second edition that will include Buddhism, as well as Christian and Judaic artifacts. She is also working on a novel about the legends of Michigan's ghosts.

Forstner lives in Grayling with her husband, John. They have four children, David, 26, Garritt, 25, Crystal, 21, and JJ, 21 months.

The recently published book is available locally at Mary's Corner Book Swap and Lady Slippers Gifts.



A GUIDE to what you may find in your Grandma's attic.

Band concerts help ring in holiday season

Ring in the holiday season will be easy if you attend the holiday band concert. The Grayling High School Band will entertain and delight you on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The Middle School Band will help bring in the holidays on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Gym.

An admission/donation of \$1 per person or \$5 for a family of five or

more will be collected at each concert.

In other band news, 17 wind players from the Grayling High School Band attended a workshop at Central Michigan University on Saturday, Nov. 18. Grayling High School had more participants in the workshop than any other school in attendance.

The day began at 9 a.m. and was packed full of fun and learning until 4 p.m. Students attended workshops in

motion and music, blues, improvisation, preparing for solo/ensemble and sight reading. The students also attended master classes taught by CMU faculty. The day ended with a concert featuring CMU student ensembles.

Shelley Tober, assistant band director, said the workshop gives students some special help on their instrument as well as advice from professionals. Tober noted that the professor teach-

ing the solo/ensemble workshop has 30 years experience as a solo/ensemble judge. He explained to the students exactly what it is he looks for when judging solo/ensemble.

"They really enjoyed the blues workshop," said Tober. The blues workshop was taught by Dr. Robert Lindahl, professor of trombone at CMU.



BOOSTER CLUB DONATES--Grayling Youth Booster Club President Ron Hall (L) presents a check in the amount of \$3,000 to Cindi Olson, Director of Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), while Booster Club board member Bud Morgan looks on.

GRA will spend the money upgrading its downhill skiing lift system with new ropes and T-bars at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

Hanson Hills, currently open for cross-country skiing with miles of groomed trails, will open for downhill skiing on Saturday, Dec. 9.



Over the past 10 years, Michigan's belt law is credited with saving 650 lives, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Prior to the safety belt law, belt use was only 24.7 percent in Michigan. Belt use in Michigan has climbed to a record-high of 66.1 percent. Nationally, safety belt use is at 67 percent.

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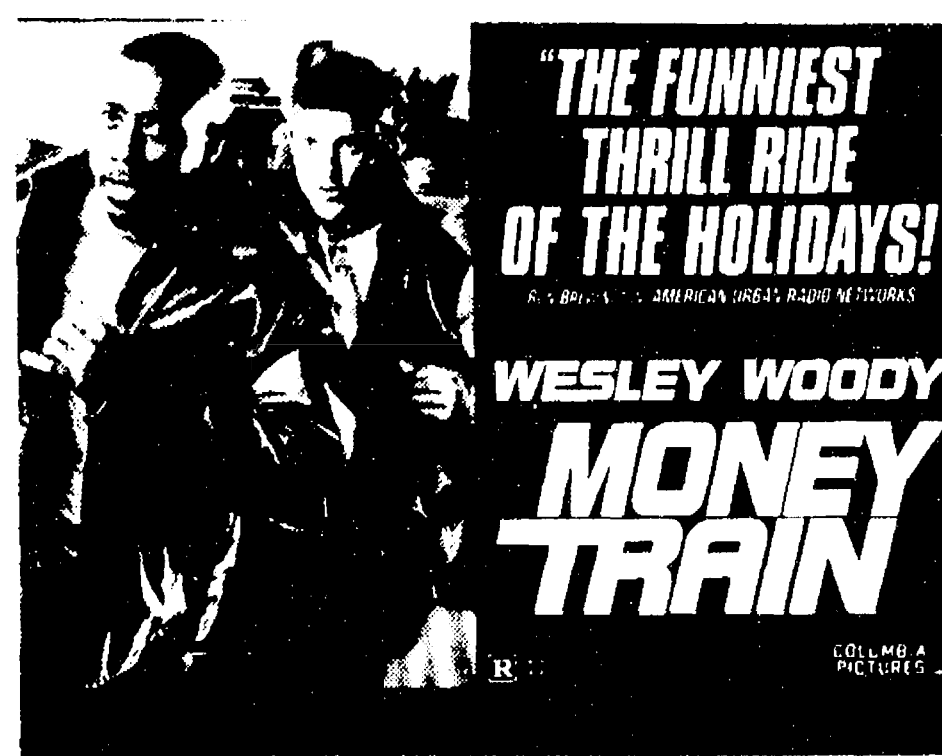
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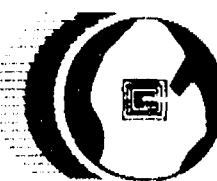
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November Calendar of Events

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	8 am	GUIDA	Family Circle KCC
14	11:30 am	Kirtland Warbler Festival Committee	GSB
15	4 pm	Transportation Committee	St. Mary's
18	9 am	Strong Families/Safe Children	
20	7:30 am	Chamber Board Meeting	City Hall
26	8 am	GUIDA	Stevens Family Circle

Chamber directory update underway

The Publications One class at Grayling High School has mailed out advertising verification forms to chamber members as part of the Chamber Directory update, a "school-to-work" program instituted this year.

Chamber Director Jerry Meyer, who is overseeing the work, says the project is right on target. "Not only are we going to improve the book," said Meyer, "we have substantially lowered costs and are giving the students some real-life experience."

In addition to a new cover design, the directory will include fax and E-mail numbers. These additions are expected to make the directory an even more valuable resource to members, as well as to the hundreds of individuals and businesses who request them each year.

Chamber members who would like to advertise in the directory, but have not been contacted, may contact the chamber office at 348-2921.

The directory project fulfills a chamber priority of working with the school system, to keep educators advised of the changing needs of business, and provide a "school-to-work" experience.

Athena nominations sought

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Scheer Motors, are again jointly sponsoring the Athena Award in Crawford County. Nominations are being accepted for the Athena Award, which will be presented during the annual meeting and \$10,000 raffle on Jan. 20. The recipient will be an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in her/his business, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full potential.

The Athena Award, created for the chamber of commerce in Lansing in 1982, has expanded to over 300 U.S. cities and beyond. It is presented in the form of a hand-poured bronze sculpture, symbolizing the strength, courage and wisdom of the recipient. The Crawford County recipient will be invited to join the 1,600 others nationally as a member of the Athena Society, to promote leadership opportunities for women.

The Oldsmobile Division of General Motors, has nationally underwritten the Athena Award program since 1985, and is in large measure responsible for the national expansion of the program.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce office.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Jan. 10, 1996.

Winter Wolf Festival gearing up for last January weekend

The Winter Wolf Festival, scheduled for Jan. 27 and 28, is taking shape, with a full schedule of events supplementing the Winter Wolf Triathlon.

Pre-weekend events begin on Jan. 25, with a Business After Hours at the Grayling Eagles, where the Grayling Junior Miss candidates will be introduced. At 8 that evening, the focus shifts to Hanson Hills, where a



DESIGNING A SURVEY--Cheryl Hunter and Rev. Doug Paterson add potential questions to a survey under design by the Community Development Committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber committee took on coordination of the survey after discovering at least five groups had plans to question the community on a variety of topics. Some 20 people, representing a cross section of interests, have put together the types of questions to be asked. To eliminate bias, the questions will be designed by an outside resource.

Over the next several months, the committee will work out details of how the survey will be conducted and tabulated.

The conclusions will help determine direction for several governmental, education and chamber-based programs.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY--Chamber board members help new owners Dave and Shelley Pinkelman, begin business at City Park Citgo.

The Pinkelmans cut the ribbon in their expanded convenience section of the station. They also do service and repair, in addition to fuel sales.

The Pinkelmans welcome everyone to stop in, and say their pledge is continued quality customer service.

\$10,000 raffle tickets selling fast

Nearly a third of the \$10,000 raffle tickets have been sold since they went on sale last month. The raffle is the highlight of the annual chamber meeting, scheduled for Jan. 20, at the Holiday Inn.

The \$100 tickets, which admit two people, are available at the chamber office, as well as from chamber board members. An

added feature this year is the ability to reserve a table if tickets are bought in blocks of four or more. That feature has proved to be very popular with early buyers.

The board's goal is to wrap up sales by the end of the year, allowing the committee members and the staff to concentrate on the details of

the raffle and the annual meeting.

The tickets were popular items again this year at the United Way Auction, and are suggested as Christmas gifts.

Not only will the recipient receive a ticket for two to one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year, but he or she could also be the winner of the \$10,000 prize.

and instruction and the awards ceremony.

Part of the funding for Winter Wolf events comes from the sale of raffle tickets at \$3 each or two for \$5. The prizes include a solo kayak, a pair of Tubbs snowshoes, a set of Fischer skis, a Grayling ski weekend package from the Aquarama Motel, and a Winter Wolf Challenge clock.

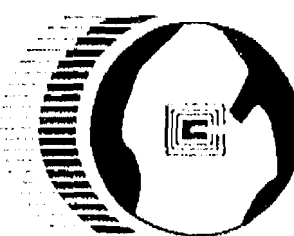
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The Christmas pet: What to expect with your kitten or puppy after the holiday

Thinking about buying/adopting a new furry friend for your children this Christmas? You might want to do some research to avoid making a rash decision.

"Many parents, caught up in the holiday spirit, buy a pet without considering whether or not their family is ready for one," said Dan Carey, a veterinarian with The Fams Company. "Truth is, a new puppy or kitten is like a baby; they require a tremendous amount of attention, time and money, but the rewards of having one are immeasurable."

Is your family ready for a pet? Here are some things worth considering.

•Do you have time, time and more time? All new pets command a lot of attention, but this is especially true of

puppies. Until a puppy is housebroken and comfortable with his surroundings, he will need constant supervision. A comfortable crate is effective while everyone is at work or school (providing that someone is on hand to walk and feed the dog at certain times during the day). Remember, puppies thrive on human companionship and will not hesitate to let you know this, at any time of the day or night.

It will be your job, not your children's, to properly housebreak your pet. This takes time and an abundance of patience. Good training from the start means less headaches for you, fewer messes on your carpet and a happier Fido or Fluffy.

•Veterinarian visits are vital to your pet's good health. It is important to

remember that pets need yearly veterinary check-ups, even if nothing is wrong. Preventative medicine is easier—and often less expensive—than curing an illness or correcting a problem. At the yearly check-up, make sure your pet received its proper vaccinations.

Also, unless you plan to breed your dog or cat professionally, spaying/neutering is essential. Along with helping to alleviate the growing number of unwanted pets in this country, spaying can prevent some forms of cancer in pets. The operation is safe; your veterinarian can advise you of the proper age for your pet to be spayed/neutered.

•The right match. Here's the situation...you live in an apartment in

the city. Your kids have been begging Santa to stuff their stocking with a Siberian husky this Christmas. Against your better judgement, you get them the husky pup. Really, a puppy so little and cute can't get that big. Right?

Many people purchase puppies based on pressure from their kids or on the puppy's appearance. They do not take into account how big that puppy will get, that the breed may not adapt to young children, or is high-spirited and needs room to run. It is best to research the breed before you purchase the puppy to save yourself the heartache of owning an animal that's not a good match for your family's lifestyle.

•Some (pet) food for thought. You spend plenty of time picking out the best foods for your family, and chances are you'll do the same for your pet. Here are some tips: Growing and active pets need a high-protein, high-fat diet; what's good for you is not necessarily good for your pet. Read pet food labels carefully to be sure your dog or cat food is high in animal-based protein (chicken by-products, lamb, egg)—it should appear at the top of the list.

To prevent stomach upsets, find a well-balanced, dry pet food and stick with it, using a nutritious, canned food for variety. Foods with better quality ingredients are more readily absorbed and utilized, which means pets need less food and produce less waste.

Owning a pet can be a wonderful, rewarding experience—if you do your homework. Also, giving your children a pet not only gives them a best friend, but teaches them the basics of responsibility and reliability.

Use caution in your holiday decorating

The holiday season is traditionally a joyful time of the year, but it can also be a dangerous one if caution is not exercised with Christmas trees and holiday lighting, warns Consumers Power Company and the state fire marshal.

"In 1994, Michigan fire departments reported an increase of nearly 18 percent from 1993," said Carl L. English, vice president of electric distribution for the utility. "People should try to pause in the hectic rush of getting ready for Christmas, to make sure they are preparing and decorating in a safe manner."

Of the 65,615 fires reported in Michigan during 1994, most occurred between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight, usually when the home was occupied. Three areas where fires frequently occurred in the home included the kitchen, bedroom and living area (family room).

"Last year, 244 deaths in our state were caused by fires," said Captain

Wade Schaefer, state fire marshal. "These deaths are particularly tragic when they occur during the holiday season, so we encourage residents to check their smoke detectors to be sure they're operating properly."

Consumers Power and the state fire marshal offer these safe holiday suggestions:

•Choose a fresh Christmas tree and water it to quench its thirst. Place the tree in a stand that will not tip over, and keep the tree away from heat sources and exitways.

•Keep burning candles away from decorations and other materials that can catch fire. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lighted candles and remember to keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

•When decorating with lights, purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory, such as UL. Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them. Don't overload electric outlets and always unplug all lights before

leaving home or going to sleep.

•When hosting holiday parties, provide guests who smoke with large, deep ashtrays. After the party, remember to check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for smoldering cigarette butts.

•Never leave the stove unattended while cooking. Keep cooking areas clean, wear clothes with tight fitting sleeves, and turn pot handles inward on the stove and out of children's reach.

•Special care should be taken around your fireplace during the holiday season. Make sure the flue is open before starting a fire. Never burn wrappings of a Christmas tree in the fireplace.

•Always keep a fire extinguisher handy.

"If everyone follows these important safety rules, we'll all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season," added English.

THE GARDEN CORNER

A service of the Crawford County MSU Extension Office

Pick a fresh-cut tree and keep it fresh

Want a fresh tree for Christmas? Be prepared to bend a few needles.

Bending an evergreen's needles is one way to check for freshness, said Mel Koelling, extension forestry specialist at Michigan State University. If the needles on an already cut tree spring back to their original shape, the tree is fresh. If needles snap or stay bent out of shape, the tree is probably dry.

Another way to check for a fresh tree is to bump the base of the tree on the ground. A shower of green needles around your feet means the tree is dry.

When you get your cut tree home, remove a 1/2-inch slice off the base of the trunk and immediately place the tree in a tree stand with a container for water.

"Making a fresh cut across the bottom removes old sap and dirt that are blocking the tree's ability to take up water," Koelling explained. "Evergreens kept indoors will lose a lot of water through their foliage. If they can't take up water to replace it, they dry out quickly, and soon pose a fire hazard."

Placing your tree in the coolest possible place, away from radiators, hot-air registers, hot lights, south-facing windows and appliances that give off heat will help slow the drying process and keep it fresh longer.

It is nearly impossible to ignite a fresh tree, Koelling noted, but a dry evergreen will flash into flame in an instant. Buying a fresh tree and keeping it fresh is critical to preventing a holiday tragedy.

Bugs in Christmas tree no cause for alarm

Don't look now, but your Christmas tree may be bugged.

Not with electronic surveillance equipment, but with multilegged creatures, insects and spiders, primarily.

And why not? Christmas trees are grown outdoors. Like any other outdoor plants, they have their share of arthropod pests and residents, said Tom Ellis, Michigan State University entomologist.

"Bring the cold tree indoors and warm it up and you warm up the bugs too, they respond by hatching or becoming active as if it were spring."

he explained.

Though their presence indoors may be a nuisance, the insects that come indoors on a Christmas tree, are unlikely to get into houseplants or do any damage in the home, Ellis said. Those that are pests of the particular species you have chosen for your Christmas tree will stay on the tree and leave without. Others may leave the tree but, except for the occasional spider that finds a new home in a dark corner, they won't survive long indoors and they pose no threat to structures, fabrics, human or pet food, humans or pets.

A fly swatter or vacuum cleaner is the only control measure you will probably need to apply, Ellis said.

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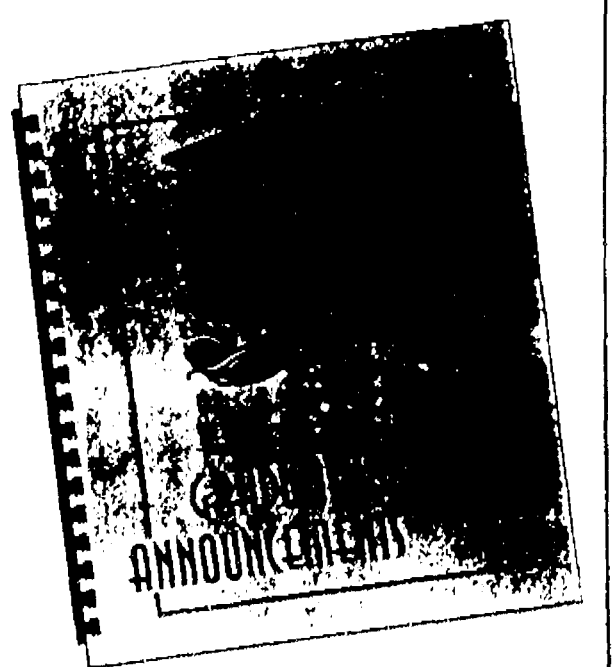
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CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 13th day of November, 1995
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Moshier, Ruddy, Akers. Members Absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford, two students, Verna Meharg, City Treasurer, Kayla Cummings, Kimberly Cullinan, Linda Sherwood, Russ Sirohpaul, Fire Chief.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers, that the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 30, 1995, be approved as presented. Ayes, 5; nays, 0, absent, 0; motion carried.

Elect Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem.

City manager requested nominations for Mayor.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Moshier, that Robert Golnick be nominated for Mayor, there were no other nominations.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers, that nominations for Mayor be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Golnick. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mayor Golnick asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Akers, to nominate Ralph Stevens for Mayor Pro-Tem. There were no other nominations.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers, that nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Stevens for Mayor Pro-Tem. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Communications were received and noted.

From HUD re: Housing Commission being a standard performer.

County Board Minutes of 10/17/95.

Fire Department October 1995 Report.

Old Business.

Fire Truck Renovation Bids. Mr. Morford presented the one bid received and recommended that the City Council accept the bid of CSI Inc. to renovate the truck as per attached memo dated 11/9/95.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy to accept CSI bid in the amount of \$41,960 and allow up to a \$2,000 increase if needed to increase G.V.W. as outlined in 11/9/95 memo from City Manager. This approval subject to approval of Grayling Township. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried.

New Business.

1996 Street Program. City Manager presented Council with proposed plans for the 1996 Street Program which is mostly sidewalk construction and street modification to support new elementary school construction.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Akers, to allow the City Manager and City Engineer to proceed with street construction project for 1996, and to prepare and advertise for bids to be let on said project for approximately \$300,000. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

Further details on this street project will be discussed at future meetings.

Reports of City Manager.

City Council Election Results.

Bancroft

England 82
Golnick 131
Ruddy 120
Stevens 121

Golnick, Stevens and Ruddy elected to terms ending in 1999.

Stopped burials at the Cemetery as of 11/13/95 due to snow.

Mayor Golnick asked about possibility of signs to list cemetery rules to be posted in spring.

City Board and Commission Appointments. Marlene Lippard is the new Grayling Housing Commission member appointed at last Council meeting.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens, that Mr. Joe Murphy be re-appointed to the office of Compensation Commission for a term ending 1/1/2001, and that Mr. Robert Ruddy be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending 1/1/1999. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0, motion carried.

Reports of Council Members.

Mr. Moshier asked if Leaf Pick-up on Saturday, Nov. 11, was done. Mr. Morford said yes, even with the snow.

Mr. Golnick asked about extending the school sidewalk route being shoveled. Mr. Morford will look into it and report back.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE

95-0973

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leroy J. Wales, a Single Man, (Original Mortgagor) and Leroy Wales and Linda M. Gregoire, with full rights of survivorship, (current Owners) to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 1994, and recorded on May 12, 1994 in Liber 377, on page(s) 328, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and 62/100 Dollars (\$49,147.62), including interest at 9.0% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at ten o'clock a.m. on January 9, 1996.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Timebridge Estates #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C1, 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 30, 1995

Fleet Mortgage Corp.
SHAPIRO & ALI, Attorneys
320 B. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 190
Troy, Michigan 48063
(810) 689-3900

-30-7-14-21-28

Christmas is near for needy

If you or someone you know about is in need of food or other help for the holiday, please call the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center as soon as possible. The phone number is 348-6046. Leave a message including your name, the name of person in need, and your phone number. The center has to consult a master list in order to avoid duplications.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage made on the 23rd day of September, 1980, and a Mortgage Amendment dated October 1, 1985, by Carl R. Gildner and Deborah A. Gildner, a/k/a Deborah A. Nowak, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to Northern National Bank of 25001-75 Business Loop, Grayling, Michigan, as Lender; said Mortgage and Mortgage Amendment being recorded at Liber 190 Page 499-502 on the September 29, 1980, and Liber 239, Page 123, On October 15, 1985, respectively, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, upon which promissory note there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Fourteen Thousand Twenty-Three Dollars and Seven Cents (\$14,023.07), plus other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes and insurance.

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgages and the power of sale being contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of December, 1995 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said promissory notes with interest thereon at the rate of Ten and Three-Eighths (10.375%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said promissory notes, mortgages and assumption of mortgage. The land and the premises described in said mortgages are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

Lot 33, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten and Three-Eighths (10.375%) Percent, and any fees, taxes or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of the sale.

The property shall be offered for sale in parcels or in total.
CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for Chemical Bank North
2375 S. 1-75 Business Loop, PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738

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GRAYLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student of the Month
Month: November
Category: "Humor Smart"

Mrs. Nunn (blue) Elizabeth Troup

Mrs. Nunn (yellow) Jessica Riddle

Mrs. Spencer (blue) Robert Stocker

Jordan Harland-Rakoczy

Mrs. Spencer (yellow) Chris Petrie

Jesse Sutton

Railee Henderson

Mrs. Marler (blue) Lindsay Wakeley

April Watrous

John Ventline

Miss Marler (yellow) Jimmy Roman

Grace Collias

Brittany Reichelderfer

Mrs. Brunell Daniel O'Connor

Chris Gildner

Timothy Hatley

Linsey Smith

Mrs. Hatfield Josh Robbins

Keith Revord

Dorothy Zarnick

Miss Savoie Jacquelyn Roberts

Jonathan Denton

Mrs. Alexander Benjamin Jones
Miss P. Williams Erich Christman
Mrs. Yost Jessica Bobenmoyer

Justin Riehle

Jordan Klemish

Kelsey Andrus

Wayne Cottrell

Casey McCuan

Jessie Morley

Meghan Thomas

Jamie Lucksted

Vanessa Vogel

Andy Failing

Matt J. Larson

Bradley Galloway

Sarah Dent

Ryan Proconier

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Trevor Clough

Kyle Seewald

Paige Conway

Erik Olson

Dan Blust

Brittany Yanniello

Shane Rauschenberg

Chris Riggs

Daniel Kelley

M.S.U. EXTENSION

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Indulge in holiday festivity without overindulging in food

From Thanksgiving to New Year's, we can experience one festive gathering after another, all abounding with wonderful foods to eat and enjoy.

It can be all too easy to get caught up in the party atmosphere and overindulge. But if you plan ahead, exert some willpower and use the information you've learned, you can act in your best interest. Here are some simple tips to follow to enjoy holiday parties without giving in to overindulgence.

•Make sure you don't leave home hungry. Before you head out to a party, have a low-fat snack, such as a piece of fruit, low-fat yogurt or cut up vegetables. If you arrive hungry, your anxious appetite can cause you to overeat.

•If you are asked to bring something, offer to bring a dessert or an appetizer. These are typically higher-fat offerings, and you can make sure the one you bring is low fat. Try a salsa and low-fat chip platter, vegetables and a low-fat dip or angel food cake with non- or low-fat frozen dessert topping and fruit. You can also modify a traditional holiday recipe with lower fat substitutes.

•Look the buffet over before you begin taking food. Rather than sampling a little bit of everything, make sure you take advantage of the lower-fat choices, such as lean meats, rolls, vegetables (but not in oily sauces) and dried or fresh fruits. Make these choices the majority of what you take.

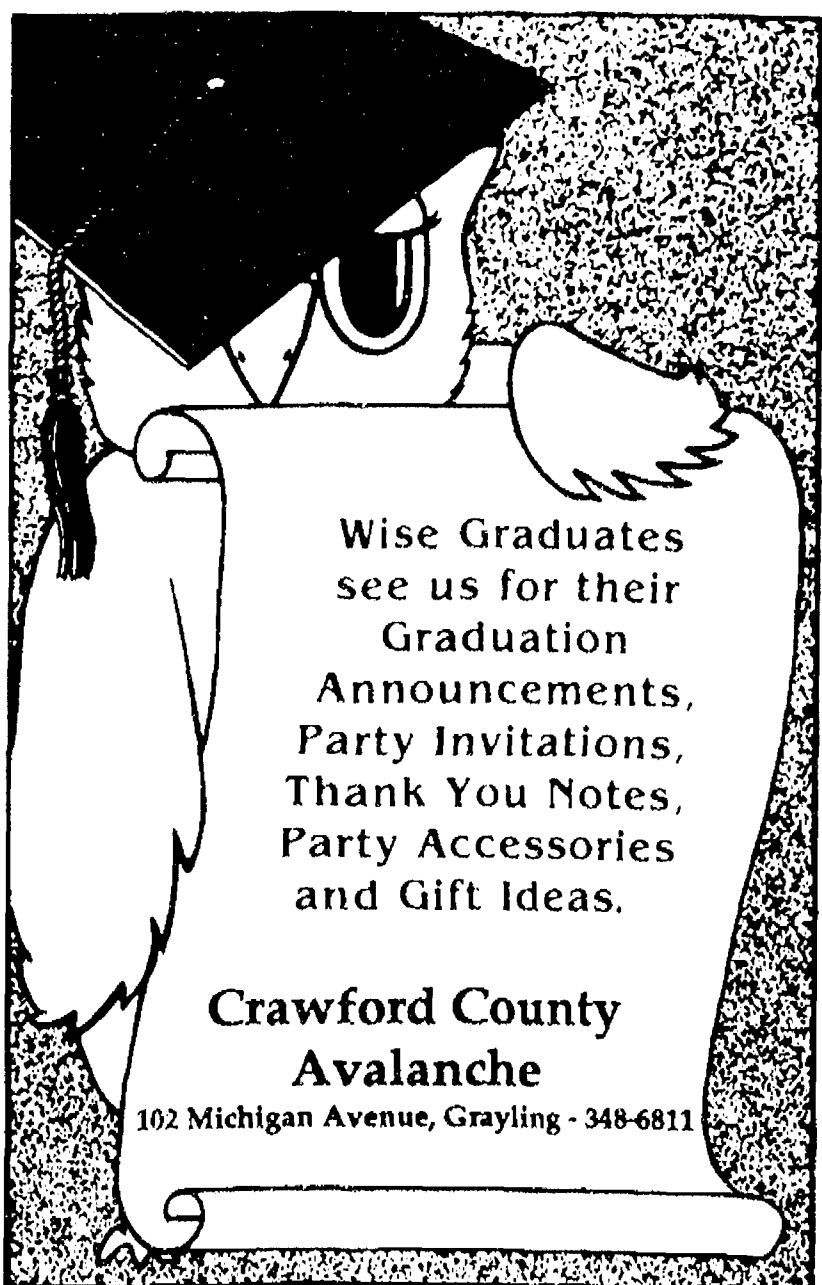
•Don't stand near the food. It's too easy to reach over and add food to your plate. Socialize away from the buffet table where it's harder to just nibble.

•Allow yourself to say "no." You can refuse food without offending your host or hostess. Make sure your tone is pleasant and that you're firm and clear. If you say, "I don't think I'll have any more," you've left the perfect opening for someone to urge you to take more. A simple, "No, thank you. But I really enjoyed the meal," will be effective. Or try, "No, thank you. But could I have a cup of coffee (or tea)?" Being able to assert yourself positively can be critical to healthful eating during the holidays.

•Focus on why you are there — family, friends and the sharing of holiday cheer. Make sure the food is not the main attraction.

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NOTICE CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

The Crawford AuSable School District will accept sealed written bids on a 3-point hitch snowblower which is not self-propelled. Bids should be submitted to 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling by 4 pm, December 19.

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NOTICE 1996 ROAD COMMISSION BUDGET HEARING

The Road Commission For Crawford County will hold the annual hearing for 1996 on the road commission budget at: 11:00 am, Thursday, December 14, 1995, in the road commission board room, located at: 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan. Phone: (517) 348-2281. James Briney, Managing Director

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NOTICE

Temporary road closure of May Lake Road, between Old 27 and 612, for bridge construction. Effective Thursday, November 30, 1995, through May 31, 1996. The road will be closed to through traffic at the AuSable River.

By: The Road Commission For Crawford County,
James Briney, Managing Director

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NOTICE BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

1995 tax bills may be paid in person at the township office located on M-72 and East Bear Lake Rd. on

December 8	9 am - 5 pm
December 15	9 am - 5 pm
December 22	9 am - 5 pm
December 29	9 am - 5 pm

Bear Lake Township dog licenses will also be available on the above dates

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TIMBER FOR SALE, HURON- MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS.

MINUTE MAN PINE TIMBER SALE is located within sections 23 and 33, T25N, R2W and section 30, T25N, R1W, Michigan Meridian, Crawford County, Michigan. Sealed bids will be received at the Mio District Ranger's Office, Mio, Michigan up to 3:00 pm local time on January 9, 1996, for an estimated 430.5 Mbf. The advertised sale value is \$27,560.75.

The required bid guarantee is \$2,800.00 and must accompany the sealed bid. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. A prospectus and other information concerning the sale may be obtained from the District Ranger at Mio, Michigan or the Forest Supervisor's Office at 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan.

The Forest Service is a multicultural organization and committed to the goal of ensuring equal opportunity for all employment and program delivery.

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 18, 1995, at 7 pm in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way (M-72W), to hear the following case:

Case #95-B: Teresa C. Mirro, petitioner
T26N, R2W, Sec. 4 2907 McKay Road
NRD Zone.

A request to (1): Construct a 20' x 34' addition to the east and in line with existing residence, 80' from the river, a variance of 120'; and (2): Construct a 24' x 32' detached garage to the east and to the south (behind) the existing residence, 105' from the river, a variance of 95'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: 517/348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Budget Hearing at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at 8 pm.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
November 29, 1995

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NOTICE

Please be advised the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has rescheduled the Regular Board Meeting of December 26, 1995, at 7:30 pm, to Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at 7:30 pm at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, due to the Christmas holiday.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

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NOTICE TO GRAYLING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

1996 Township Compactor Decals will be available beginning November 27th. 1995 decals will be honored through December 31, 1995. The annual fee for the decal is \$30.00. Decals may be purchased at the Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or by mail by sending a check or money order to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Decals **ARE NOT** available from the transfer station.

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NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals.

All applicants must be residents of Crawford County and must submit a letter expressing their interest to the Board of Commissioners, c/o the County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by December 15, 1995.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
November 29, 1995

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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: December 10 - 16, 1995

ARIES March 21-April 19	Don't allow financial difficulties to dampen your holiday spirit. There are many ways of "giving" without going into debt.
TAURUS April 20 - May 20	Tend to the minor details of current project before beginning another. Don't procrastinate. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness.
GEMINI May 21 - June20	Teamwork is the key to your problem. Get more people involved.
CANCER June 21 - July 22	Communication is vital if you are to avoid any misunderstandings. Beware of one who is out to get your money.
LEO July 23 - Aug 22	Family members should not be ignored. Get with the Christmas spirit and be more hospitable and generous.
VIRGO Aug 23 - Sept 22	Legal advice should be sought before making any major decisions. Professional help will be worth the money.
LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 22	Career advancement is eminent. Keep on doing what you do best and your work will not be ignored.
SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21	Social calendar is full. Take advantage of it to do a little networking. Watch out for the bar-tacudas.
SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 21	Your friends may have a request to make. Be open with your advice as well as your time. Give generously.
CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 19	Your emotions are on the cutting edge. Don't begin a new romantic relationship right now, wait until you are less vulnerable.
AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18	A charitable organization could use your help. Spend a little time with those less fortunate this holiday season.
PISCES Feb 19 - March 20	You may have to forsake everyday chores in order to accomplish your Christmas tasks. Prioritize.



THIS PUPPY NEEDS A HOME--This male puppy is five months old, and would be very good with children. If you would like to give him a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

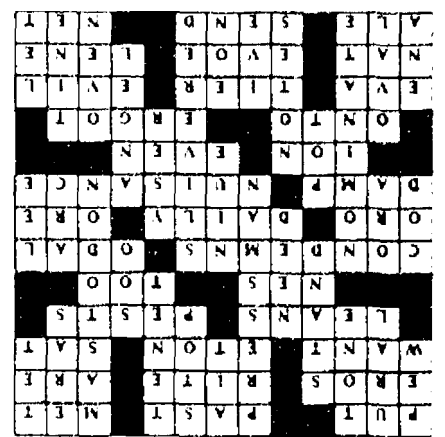
During the winter, extra bedding will help your dog hold body heat inside his kennel, and heavy pieces of carpet attached to the top of the entrance will cut down on drafts, says the Animal Protection Institute. But check for dangerous nails and hooks. Avoid using old rugs for bedding—your dog will track in moisture on his feet that can turn to ice.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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| 4. Over | 53. Nature spirit | 28. Shredded |
| 8. Famous opera | 54. Bacchanal's | 30. Part of a circle |
| house, fam. | cry | 31. Shelter |
| 11. Gr. god of love | 55. Unaspirate | 34. French river |
| 13. Ceremony | 56. Eng. coun- | 37. Poker stake |
| 14. Exist | try festival | 39. Spiritual being |
| 15. Poverty | 57. Emit | 41. Letters |
| 16. English school | 58. Seine | 43. Egg-shaped |
| 17. Perched | DOWN | 45. Baking chamber |
| 18. Tilts | 1. Church bench | 46. Prong |
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THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Dec. 7, 1972

On Nov. 13, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners asked the Crawford County Road Commission to open all county roads to snowmobiles. On Nov. 27, the Crawford County Road Commission acted on this request, and all Crawford County roads will be marked and open for snowmobile use as soon as the signing is completed, which probably will be the week of Dec. 11.

Six local students traveled to Cheboygan Sunday, Nov. 26, to participate in the 1972-73 District II Honor's Band Concert. Those participating from Grayling were Rusty Gates, trombone; Sue Meoak, Flute; Kevin Zimmerman, trumpet; Holly Knibbs, baritone/saxophone; Bob Harris, cornet; and Ellen O'Mara, clarinet.

Bob and Dorothy Mott took over active management of the Save Way Laundromat on Friday, Dec. 1, which they purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cason.

Grayling freshmen lost a thriller to St. Ignace in the final seconds of their opening game, 53-51. With 15 seconds remaining and Grayling, down by two, Justin Potter tied the score on two free-throws, only to have St. Ignace come back and score in the final seconds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson on Thanksgiving day, entertained the Ronald Larson family, Jerry Larson family, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Krome and Mrs. Ted Alford. Later, the Ernie Larsons left for Dearborn Heights. On Friday, they left there for Richboro, Pennsylvania, to visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Essenberg and family, returning Sunday afternoon.

The annual matinee movie for children will be Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Rialto Theatre, at 1:30 p.m. As in past years, admission will be a can or package of food (no glass jars), which will be used by the Crawford County Community Services in Christmas baskets for needy families.

The Grayling Ski Team will sponsor a ski exchange program at the high school gym this Saturday, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Edmund Rutkowski, commander of Camp Grayling, received his promotion to full colonel on Oct. 30, with official confirmation from Washington, with the new rank retroactive April 16, 1972. Col. Ralph Phillips USPFO, Mich., of Lansing, presented Co. Rutkowski his eagle

insignias, on behalf of MG C. C. Schnipke adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard.

46 years ago Dec. 8, 1948

Announcement was made this week, of the sale of Duke's Hotel, to George Smiggen of Ypsilanti, by Art Clough, real estate broker. Mr. Smiggen took over actual operation of the hotel and bar on Nov. 26. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dudewicz, the former owners, have no definite plans for the present other than a 2-month trip through the south to California.

Plans are being made for open house on Dec. 11, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oaks, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, at their home in Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Oaks were residents of Grayling, moving away in 1912. Mr. Oaks' sister, Nancy Deckrow, was the mother of John, Doris, Eureka and Hurl, who are planning on attending this momentous occasion.

Louis Bailey won the \$5 box of groceries last Friday night at Kruger's Food Market.

The Linger Longer Club property on the AuSable, has been sold by James Tyrel and Charles Jankins of Akron, Ohio, to a Mr. Casey of Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Davis of Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear and grandchildren, Christopher and Hanna, have returned home after spending Thanksgiving and visiting her mother, Mrs. John Oleson and sisters, at Rice Lake, Wisconsin. While in Wisconsin, they also visited Mr. and Mrs. William Schwanke of River Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cinciala are happy over the arrival of a son at Mercy Hospital on Friday, Dec. 2. He has been named David Joseph. Mrs. Cinciala's mother, Mrs. Stanley Gatzka of Bay City, is visiting at the Cinciala home.

Laurence D. Hunter caught a possum in his chicken yard Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Sorenson have purchased the home on Ionia Street, formerly owned by Walter Duerr, and moved in on Saturday.

Don Wilson is driving a new Plymouth, purchased from Bill Leng last week.

Carl Easton caught his first fish of the season Tuesday, with a tip-up. It was a 5 1/4 pound pike.

The chiming heard downtown each quarter hour comes from the Davis Jewelry Store clock.

Mrs. Ted Baynham, Bessie and Doris Feldhauser, accompanied Gloria J. Feldhauser to Mt. Pleasant Sunday, where she will complete her senior year at C.M.C., after having entered the Frederic school for the past month.

Frederic is now a quiet place, most of the restaurants and cabins closed, the Burkes and Browns have gone to Saginaw for the winter.

Several farmers met at the town hall Tuesday morning to hear Mr. G. Parsons from Michigan State College talk on dairy herds.

Bob Papendick returned to Flint last Monday, after spending two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Papendick.

94 years ago Dec. 12, 1901

Jonas Metcalf sold his farm in Beaver Creek, to his brother, George, and moved to town.

John C. Failing has bought a nice flock of sheep from George Hartman.

The alarm of fire, ever most appealing, but doubly so at midnight, startled our people last Saturday at 1 a.m. The engine room at the salt well was consumed, but fortunately the flames were controlled without further damage.

69 years ago Dec. 9, 1926

Mrs. Liland Smock and baby, Robert Charles, were dismissed from Mercy Hospital Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. McCann have moved from the Simpson house to the Balhoff house on Michigan Avenue.

Archie Cripps is taking a vacation from his duties as clerk at the Burke Garage, and left Monday for Ada, Ohio, to visit relatives until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feldhauser of Maple Forest Township, have moved to Lovells, where they are caretakers of the Underhill Club on the North Branch.

Mrs. James Sorenson had the misfortune to fall on the icy walk Friday forenoon and break her left arm.

A number of friends of Mrs. Albert Knibbs gave her a pleasant surprise party Monday evening, it being her birthday anniversary.

Wm. Weiss and family of Riverview are moving into the old Inley residence on Peninsular Avenue.

Editor's Quote Book

Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without ever having asked a clear question.

Albert Camus

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

LOCAL WEATHER



Local Weather

Courtesy of the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable Elementary Schools

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for mostly cloudy skies, with a 40 percent chance of scattered snow showers. The highs will be in the mid 20s. Snow showers are likely on Thursday, with the highs in the 20s, and the lows in the teens. Friday and Saturday both call for a chance of snow showers. The highs on Friday will be in the low 30s, with the lows in the 20s, and Thursday's highs will be in the mid 30s, with the lows in the upper 20s.
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12/2	36	20	0.01	13"	
12/3	35	22	0.05	13"	
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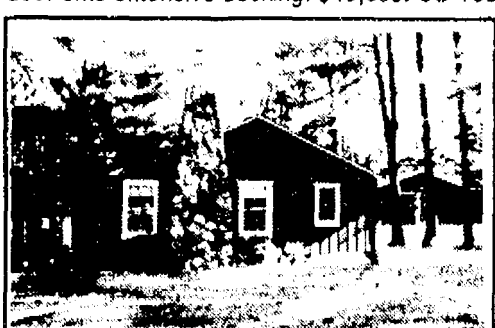
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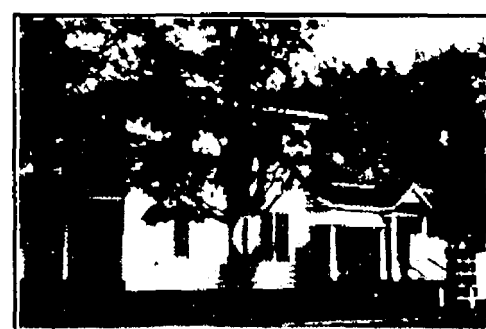
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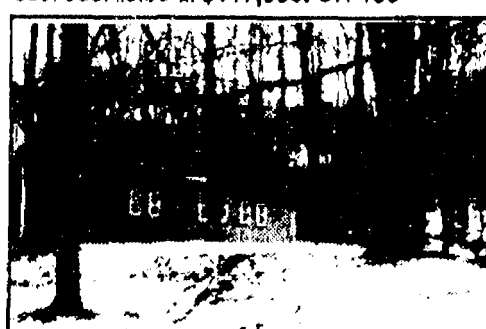


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2. Maximum income level of \$18,250 for 1 person
3. Maximum income level of \$20,850 for 2 persons

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Qualifications:

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3. 1 or 2 children of an appropriate age

Maximum Income

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2. For Rent**3. Employment**

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7. Miscellaneous

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A REMINDER

The Grayling Viking Band would like to remind their customers who ordered fruit, that the pick-up date for **Fruit Orders is December 9th, 9 am to 5 pm at the Grayling Elementary School.** The Fruit Basket orders must be picked up at Glen's Market in Grayling.

We have some extra grapefruit and oranges still available at these prices.

Grapefruit	Oranges
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Expired medications can be dangerous

By Juliet Byers
Capital News Service
Having a drawer or medicine cabinet full of expired medications can be just as detrimental to your health as being given the wrong prescription, pharmacists warn.
"Expiration dates have been determined through research," said Andrew Hulce, a pharmacist at Family Fare Pharmacy in Holland. "If you are a person who stops taking a medication when your problem goes away, that is when you should get rid of it," said Larry Wagenknecht, chief executive officer of the Michigan Pharmacists Association, and a pharmacist.

Wagenknecht suggests flushing the medications down the toilet, especially if it's a controlled substance.
"First they (drugs) lose their potency and then they may break down into other chemicals," Hulce cautioned.
Wagenknecht listed tetracycline as an extremely harmful drug if taken after its expiration date.
"When used beyond its time, it can cause permanent liver problems," he said.
Even aspirin changes into other chemicals after it expires. If your product smells of vinegar, the aspirin you are taking may be more like

acetic acid than a pain reliever, Hulce warned.
"Every drug has its own footprint of side effects," Wagenknecht said.
Aspirin is one over-the-counter drug known to have many serious side effects. Wagenknecht believes the drug would have trouble in its approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration now because of the wide range of complications arising out of its use.
"Aspirin probably would not be approved by the FDA if it were seeking approval today," he said. "It can bring everything from ringing in the ears to a bleeding stomach."

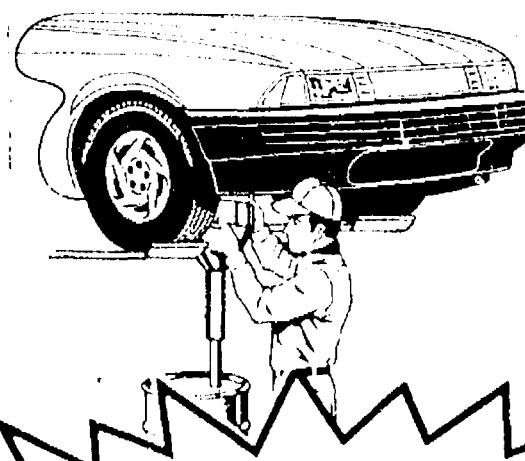
State Rep. Allen Lowe to speak at Michelson United Methodist Church

The "Elderberries," will have a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Michelson United Methodist Church. The group will gather at 12 noon for a potluck luncheon.
Guest speaker Rep. Allen Lowe will discuss an important House Bill under consideration in Lansing. House Bill #4328 considers a long term care insurance policy to be available at low cost. The insurance would be a supplement to Medicare.
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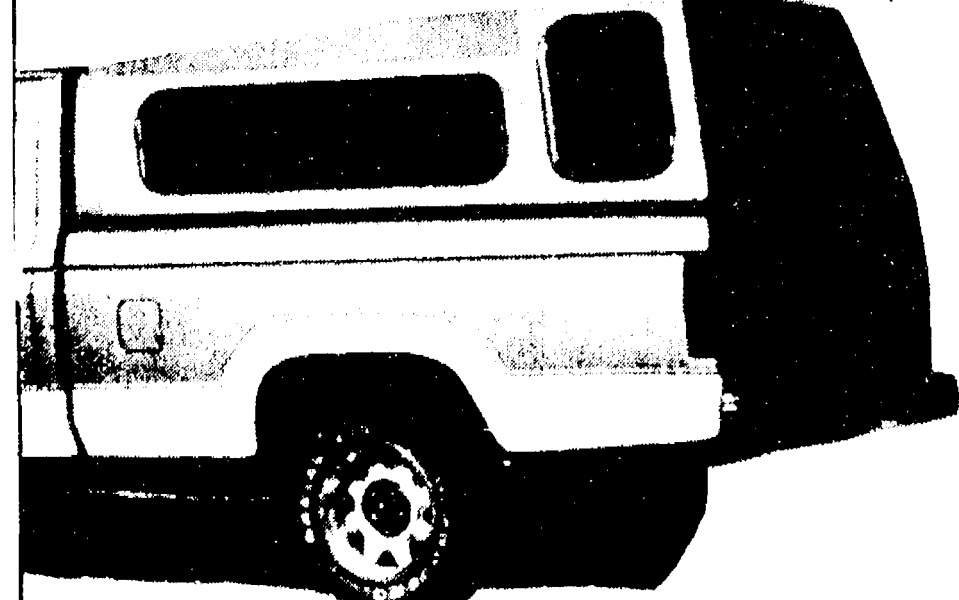
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